


Application for Park Master Plan

Municipality of Anchorage
 Planning Department
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INFORMATION			
Property Tax # (000-000-00-000): Various parcels in Girdwood			
Site Street Address: n/a			
Current legal description: (use additional sheet if necessary) see attached document.			
Zoning:	Acreage:	Grid #:	Underlying plat #:
Park Name: Various parks in Girdwood			
Park Classification: <input type="radio"/> Community Use <input type="radio"/> Special Use <input type="radio"/> Natural Resource Use <input type="radio"/> Neighborhood Use <input type="radio"/> Large Urban <input type="radio"/> Regional <input type="radio"/> Playlot, Mini Park, Vest Pocket <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not classified/other			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> New master plan <input type="radio"/> Amendment/revision to existing master plan Original Case #:			

I hereby certify that (I am)(I have been authorized to act for) owner of the property described above and that I petition for a park master plan in conformance with Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal, Code of Ordinances. I understand that payment of the application fee is nonrefundable and is to cover the costs associated with processing this application, and that it does not assure approval of the master plan. I also understand that assigned hearing dates are tentative and may have to be postponed by Planning Department staff or the Planning and Zoning Commission, for administrative reasons.

Signature  Owner Representative (Agents must provide written proof of authorization) Date 5/12/2026

Peyton Johnson
 Print Name

Accepted by:	Poster & Affidavit:	Fee:	Case Number:	Meeting Date:
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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INFORMATION

Improvement Area (per AMC 21.08.050B.): Class A Class B

Anchorage 2040 Land Use Designation:

- Neighborhood (Residential) Center Corridor
 Open Space Facilities and Institutions Industrial Area

Anchorage 2040 Growth Supporting Features:

- Transit-supportive Development Greenway-supported Development
 Traditional Neighborhood Residential Mixed-use

Eagle River-Chugiak-Peters Creek Land Use Classification:

- Commercial Industrial Parks/opens space
 Public Land Institutions Marginal land Alpine/Slope Affected
 Special Study Residential at _____ dwelling units per acre

Girdwood- Turnagain Arm

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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (All or portion of site affected)

- Wetland Classification: None "C" "B" "A"
 Avalanche Zone: None Blue Zone Red Zone
 Floodplain: None 100 year 500 year
 Seismic Zone (Harding/Lawson): "1" "2" "3" "4" "5"

RECENT REGULATORY INFORMATION (Events that have occurred in last 5 years for all or portion of site)

- Rezoning - Case Number:
 Preliminary Plat Final Plat - Case Number(s):
 Conditional Use - Case Number(s):
 Zoning variance - Case Number(s):
 Land Use Enforcement Action for
 Building or Land Use Permit for
 Wetland permit: Army Corps of Engineers Municipality of Anchorage

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

(One of each applicable item is required for initial submittal, additional copies are required after initial submittal)

- 1 copy required: Signed application (original)
 Watershed sign-off form, completed
 8 ½" by 11" copy of park master plan

 14 copies required: Signed application (copies)
 Park master plan
 Assembly Ordinance enacting zoning special limitations, if applicable
 Applicable parks board resolution or summary of parks board meeting(s)

(Additional information may be required.)



April 22, 2026

Municipality of Anchorage
Girdwood Valley Service Area
P.O. Box 390
Girdwood, AK 99587

RE: Agency Authorization - Application for Park Master Plan – Girdwood Parks Plan

I authorize Huddle AK to act as the Girdwood Service Area's representative regarding the Girdwood Parks Master Plan application. If you have any questions, please contact me at 907-343-8374 or kyle.kelley@anchorageak.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kyle Kelley
Girdwood Service Area Manager
Municipality of Anchorage

Property Information

Parcel ID	Associated Park	
7506248000	California Creek Park (Existing)	GIRDWOOD TOWNSITE 1ST ADDITION TR B1
7506256000	Girdwood Park (Existing)	GIRDWOOD 1ST ADDITION TR A-1
7506257000	Girdwood Park (Existing)	GIRDWOOD FIRST ADDITION TR C-1
7506323000	Lions Club Park (Existing)	GIRDWOOD 1ST ADDITION BLK 1 LT 1
7506322000	Lions Club Park (Existing)	GIRDWOOD 1ST ADDITION BLK 1 LT 2
7506321000	Lions Club Park (Existing)	GIRDWOOD 1ST ADDITION BLK 1 LT 3
7506320000	Lions Club Park (Existing)	GIRDWOOD 1ST ADDITION BLK 1 LT 4
7507102000	Girdwood Town Square Buffer Park (Existing)	NEW GIRDWOOD TOWNSITE ALASKA TR A
7507125000	Girdwood Town Square Park (Existing)	NEW GIRDWOOD TOWNSITE ALASKA BLK 1 LT 23
7505305000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #2 TR B
7505327000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #2 TR A
7505228000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN TR A
7505203000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN TR B
7505233000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN TR C
7601103000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA #3 TR C PARK RESERVE
7601156000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BLK 3 TR E PARK RESERVE
7601155000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA TR F PARK RESERVE
7601154000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA TR G PARK RESERVE
7601153000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA TR H PARK RESERVE
7601201000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA TR J
7601214000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA TR K
7601227000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA TR L
7601240000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA TR M
7602134000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA #3 TR N
7602201000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA #3 TR P
7607220000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #5 BLK 19 PARK RESERVE
7607204000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #5 BLK 3 PK RESERVE
7517334000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #3 TR 1
7517301000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #3 TR 5
7517417000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #4 BLK 14 PARK RESERVE
7516203000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #4 BLK 17 PARK RESERVE
7517420000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #4 BLK 10 PARK RESERVE
7517412000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #4 BLK 11 PARK RESERVE
7517308000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #3 TR 4
7517322000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #3 TR 2
7517105000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #6 BLK 6 PARK RESERVE
7517314000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #3 TR 3
7518144000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #6 BLK 23 PARK RESERVE
7517109000	Alyeska Basin Park Reserves (Existing)	ALYESKA BASIN #6 BLK 22 PARK RESERVE
7504125000	Moose Meadow Park (Existing)	ALYESKA - PRINCE ADDITION TR H
7601101000	Moose Meadow Park (Existing)	ALYESKA #2 TR D PARK RESERVE
7601438000	Moose Meadow Park (Existing)	ALYESKA TR R
Parcel ID	Associated Park: Proposed	
7506261000 (partial)	Proposed: Glacier Creek Park	GIRDWOOD SOUTH TOWNSITE TR G-7
7510143000	Proposed: Glacier Creek Park	GIRDWOOD SOUTH TOWNSITE TR F-3
7510244000	Proposed: Glacier Creek Park	GIRDWOOD SOUTH TOWNSITE TR E-4
7506390000	Proposed: Glacier Creek Park	GIRDWOOD SOUTH TOWNSITE TR D-5

WMS WATERCOURSE MAPPING SUMMARY

Per the requirements for watercourse verification outlined in Project Management and Engineering Operating Policy and Procedure #8 and Planning Department Operating Policy and Procedure #1 (effective June 18, 2007), MOA Watershed Management Services has inspected the following location for the presence or absence of stream channels or other watercourses, as defined in Anchorage Municipal Code (21.35).

- Project Case Number or Subdivision Name: Girdwood Parks Master Plan
- Project Location, Tax ID, or Legal Description: see attached.

- Project Area (if different from the entire parcel or subdivision): see attached.

In accordance with the requirements and methods identified, WMS verifies that this parcel, project area, or application:

- DOES NOT** contain stream channels and/or drainageways, as identified in WMS field or archival mapping information.*
- DOES** contain stream channels and/or drainageways **AND** these are located and identified on submittal documents in general congruence with WMS field and archival mapping information.
*New or additional mapping **IS NOT REQUIRED**.**
- Contains stream channels and/or drainageways **BUT** one or more streams or other watercourses:
 - are **NOT** shown on submittal documents, or
 - are **NOT** depicted adequately on submittal documents for verification, or
 - are **NOT** located or identified on submittal documents in general congruence with WMS field and archival mapping information.*New or additional mapping **IS REQUIRED** and must be re-submitted for further review and verification.**
- Presence of stream channels and/or drainageways is unknown **AND** field verification is not possible at this time. WMS will verify as soon as conditions and prioritized resources allow.

* Streams omitted in error by WMS or others remain subject to MOA Code and must be shown in new mapping upon identification of the error.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N | WMS written drainage recommendations are available. | <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary | <input type="checkbox"/> Final |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N | WMS written field inspection report or map is available. | <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary | <input type="checkbox"/> Final |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N | Field flagging and/or map-grade GPS data is available. | | |

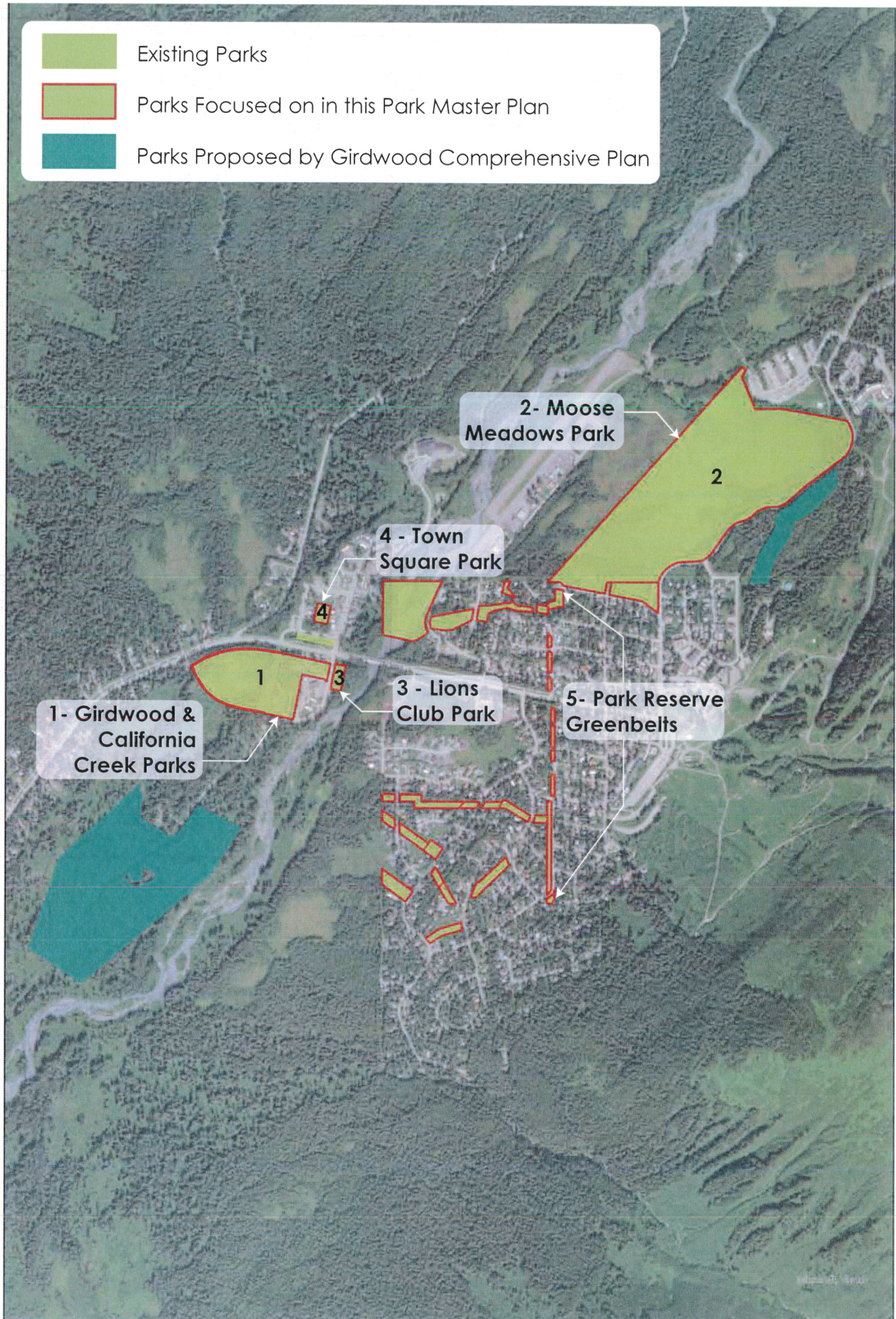
Inspection Certified By:

Date:

Kyle Cipe

4/30/26

Girdwood Existing Parks Map Zoom



Application for Park Master Plan

Girdwood Parks Master Plan

April 27, 2026



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Girdwood Parks & Recreation
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Attachments

- 1. Letter of Authorization**
- 2. Property Information**
- 3. Watershed Sign-off**
- 4. Project Overview /Introduction**
 - a. Project Overview
 - b. Existing Parks Map (see plan for additional details)
 - c. Public Involvement Process
 - d. Master Plan Recommendations Overview
- 5. Community Support**
 - a. GBOS Letter of Support
- 6. Girdwood Parks Master Plan**
- 7. Appendix**

Project Overview

Introduction

The purpose of the Girdwood Parks Master Plan (GPMP) is to:

- assess the current condition of existing municipal parks;
- document the community’s vision and goals for park land and the overall park system;
- establish proposed improvements for existing park parcels; and
- provide guidance for future park land acquisition and development.

This park-specific Master Plan builds upon the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan (GCP), adopted by the Anchorage Assembly in April 2025. During the GCP process, community members expressed interest in identifying future park lands and expanding amenities within existing parks. While the GCP establishes general land use designations under which parks may be permitted, it does not provide the level of detail necessary to identify specific park amenities or future park parcels. One of the GCP’s implementation actions directed the Parks Department to develop a dedicated parks master plan that would refine initial community input through additional public engagement and provide more detailed analysis and recommendations. The GPMP represents that next step.

While Girdwood is home to an extensive trail network, this Master Plan focuses specifically on municipal park parcels. Trail planning and management are addressed separately in the Girdwood Trails Plan, which provides trail-specific guidance and was recently adopted by the community.

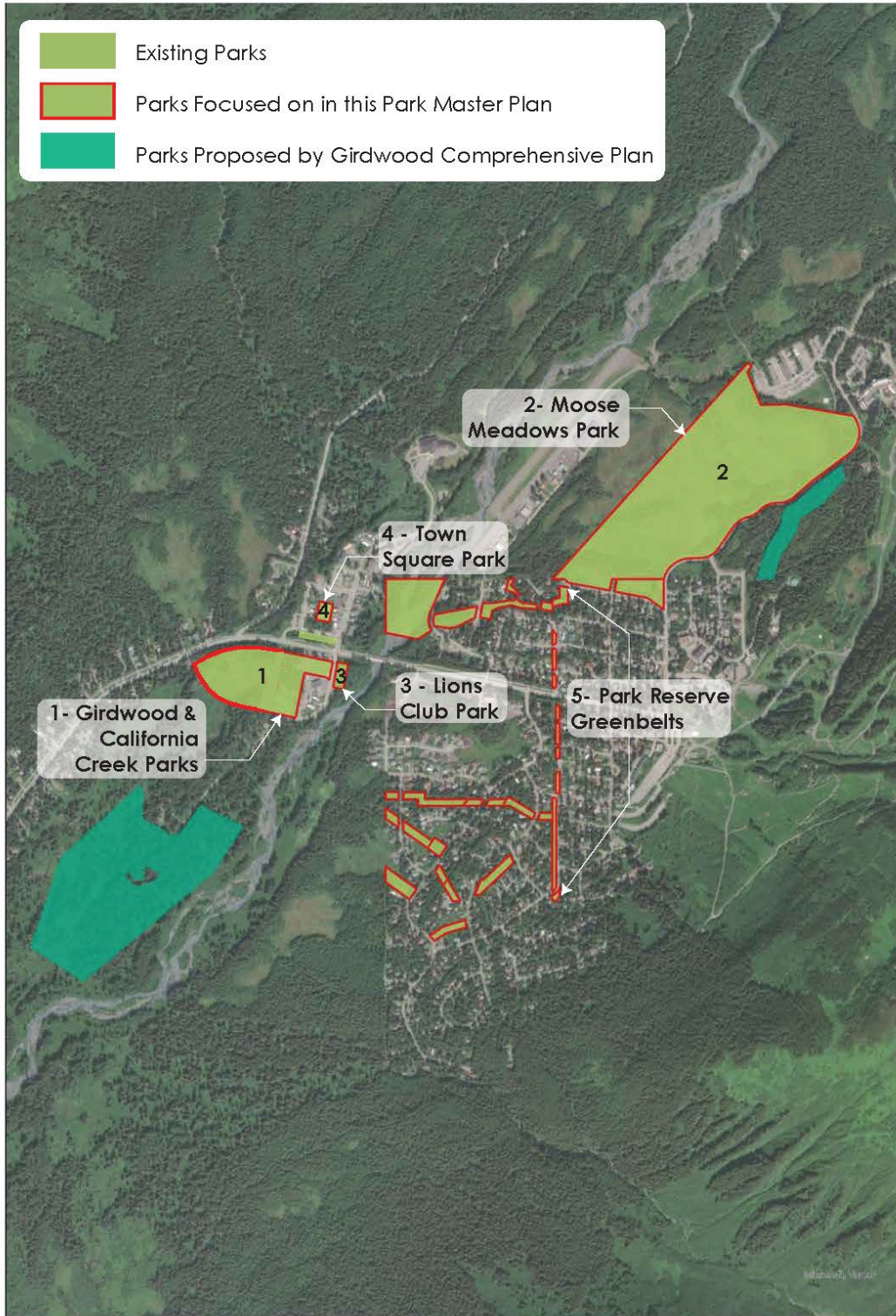
The GPMP focuses its analysis and recommendations on five key park areas:

- Girdwood Park (Forest Fair Park)
- Moose Meadow Park
- Lions Club Park
- Town Square Park
- Park Reserve Greenbelts

The GPMP is intended to guide decision-making over a 15-year planning horizon, with the goal of implementing many capital improvements and operational changes within that timeframe. The acquisition of future park lands, however, is anticipated to occur over a longer period and will depend on evolving land use patterns, funding availability, agency partners, and community growth.

Existing Park Map:

Girdwood Existing Parks Map Zoom



Public Involvement Process

The GPMP was developed through a four-step public involvement process designed to engage the community, gather meaningful input, and guide the development of park recommendations. The process steps included Listen & Learn, Envision, Share, and Approve. This ensured that community members, stakeholders, and agency partners had multiple opportunities to participate throughout plan development.

- **Listen & Learn:** This phase focused on understanding existing conditions, understanding community values, and park system needs. Engagement activities included stakeholder interviews, Advisory Committee meetings, a community-wide survey, site assessments, and a public open house.
- **Envision:** Guided by site analysis and community input, the project team developed schematic design concepts for key park sites. These concepts were reviewed with the Advisory Committee and presented to the public for feedback.
- **Share:** Based on comments received, schematic designs were refined and incorporated into the draft Master Plan. The draft plan was shared with the Advisory Committee and made available for public review over a one-month comment period.
- **Approve:** The Draft Parks Master Plan will be presented to the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) and submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a public hearing and final review, followed by completion of the Final Parks Master Plan.

Feedback collected during the Listen & Learn and Envision phases shaped the development and refinement of park concepts, while the Share phase provided an opportunity to confirm priorities and identify concerns before finalizing recommendations. This iterative approach helped balance community aspirations with feasibility, environmental considerations, and long-term maintenance capacity, resulting in a Master Plan that is community-driven and implementable.

Detailed documentation of the public involvement meetings outlined below, including meeting summaries, stakeholder interview notes, and survey results, are provided in the Appendix of the Master Plan.

Advisory Committee

A plan-specific Advisory Committee was formed as part of the public involvement process and included key park and trail users, representatives of recreation groups, and community leaders. The Committee consisted of eight (8) members and met three times during the planning process to provide guidance, review materials, and offer feedback at key milestones. Advisory Committee input helped shape priorities, refine design concepts, and build consensus around plan recommendations.

Stakeholder Interviews

Stakeholder interviews were conducted to gain deeper insight into community needs, park usage, and long-term opportunities and challenges. A total of eight (8) interviews, including group interviews, were completed with local organizations, community leaders, long-time residents, and volunteers. Interview participants represented a wide range of perspectives and park interests.

Public Workshops

Two public workshops were held during the development of the GPMP. The first workshop took place on September 16, 2025, at the Girdwood Library Community Room. The workshop included a presentation on the goals of the Master Plan, the project timeline, existing park conditions, and preliminary results from the community survey. Participants then engaged in an open-house format with five interactive stations focused on key parks, greenbelts, and future park opportunities. Attendees provided comments on maps and materials identifying desired improvements, additions, and priorities. The second workshop was held on December 16, 2025, also at the Girdwood Library Community Room. This workshop focused on draft schematic designs for park sites. Six interactive stations presented proposed concepts, allowing participants to review designs and provide feedback that informed final refinements.

Community Survey

As part of the GPMP, a community-wide survey was conducted to gather input on the condition of existing parks and explore opportunities for future parks and facilities. The survey was available online via SurveyMonkey from July 21 to August 24, 2025, and received 210 responses, with 87 percent of respondents residing in Girdwood. Outreach was conducted by Girdwood Parks and Recreation and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, with information shared through the project website, community flyers, and social media platforms. Survey results informed both system-wide priorities and park-specific recommendations.

Master Plan Recommendations Overview

The attached master plan provides all the detailed recommendations below is an overview of takeaways from the recommendations.

Vision and Guiding Principles

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Three guiding principles support this vision:

- **Nature and Stewardship:** Preserving wetlands, forests, and greenbelts while providing access to wild places.
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- **Local Identity:** Creating parks that reflect Girdwood's unique, creative, and community-driven spirit.

Planning Context

This plan is consistent with multiple adopted municipal and regional planning documents, including:

- Girdwood Comprehensive Plan (2025)
- Girdwood Trails Plan (2024)

See the Planning Context section of the Master Plan for the full Planning Context table.

Master Summary of Recommendations

The GPMP provides site-specific recommendations for five primary park areas, along with guidance for future park land and partnership opportunities.

- **Girdwood Park, California Creek Park, and Lions Club Park** are envisioned as a shared recreation hub. Recommendations focus on improving parking and circulation, upgrading aging facilities, addressing user conflicts, and enhancing visibility and oversight in high-use areas. Proposed improvements include playground and skatepark upgrades, potential new recreation courts, a new Parks and Recreation maintenance building with public restrooms, and enhanced amenities at Lions Club Park.
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- **Glacier Creek Park and Future Park Land** recommendations identify opportunities to expand park land through potential Heritage Land Bank transfers and partnerships. Conceptual opportunities include an RV campground, dog park, relocated disc golf course, and facilities such as a pump track or covered ice rink, recognizing that further feasibility analysis and coordination are needed. The future park map envisions more neighborhood parks in both historic neighborhoods and future housing areas. The community also identified a whitewater park as a long-term interest.

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Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor*

*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Mike Edgington and Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs
Briana Sullivan, Brian Burnett, Kellie Okonek*

Resolution 2026-03

**Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GIRDWOOD PARKS MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS), the Girdwood Valley Service Area (GVSA) engaged Huddle AK through a term contract with the Municipality of Anchorage to complete a Master Plan for Girdwood Parks that catalogs existing facilities and provides guidance on desired future projects to support the community's parks and recreation goals; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with GVSA staff, a Girdwood Parks Master Plan Advisory Committee comprised of volunteers with a broad range of recreation-based interests was assembled to guide the planning effort; and

WHEREAS, over the last twelve months, input was collected from a public survey, public meetings were held, and stakeholder meetings were held, resulting in a draft document that was circulated for public comment and input for a month ending April 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a final round of comments reviewed by the Girdwood Parks Master Plan Advisory Committee have been detailed in a memo by Huddle AK and are to be incorporated into the final version of the Girdwood Parks Master Plan prior to submission to the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Planning and Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, at their meeting on April 14, 2026, the Girdwood Parks Master Plan Advisory Committee voted in favor of recommending that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors support the Girdwood Parks Master Plan with final adjustments as outlined in the memo; and

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports the Girdwood Parks Master Plan with the amendments and thanks all who participated in this project, which will now move to the MOA Planning and Zoning Commission for review and approval.

Passed by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed this 20th day of April 2026

Mike Edgington

Mike Edgington
GBOS Co-Chair

Margaret Tyler

Margaret Tyler
Attest



GIRDWOOD PARKS MASTER PLAN





PHOTO CREDITS

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CLIENT

Girdwood Parks and Recreation

GIRDWOOD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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PLANNING CONSULTANT

Huddle AK



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction and Purpose

The Girdwood Parks Master Plan (GPMP) provides a 15-year framework to guide the care, improvement, and future development of Girdwood's municipal parks. While Girdwood benefits from extensive access to surrounding state and federal lands, its in-town parks serve a different and essential role: they are everyday places to gather, recreate, celebrate, and connect as a community.

The GPMP builds on the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan (2025), which identified a need for more detailed park planning, and works alongside the Girdwood Trails Plan (2024), which addresses trail development separately. This Plan focuses specifically on municipal park parcels, identifying priorities for existing parks and opportunities for future park land.

Planning Process and Community Input

The Plan was developed through a public engagement process that included a community-wide survey, two public meetings, stakeholder interviews, and guidance from a plan-specific Advisory Committee. More than 200 survey responses and extensive in-person feedback helped shape the Plan's recommendations.

Across engagement efforts, several consistent themes emerged. Community members value Girdwood's parks for their natural character and informal feel and expressed strong interest in preserving these qualities while addressing aging infrastructure and gaps in recreation opportunities. There was broad support for year-round and covered amenities, youth and teen recreation, improved use of underutilized parks, and continued reliance on partnerships, volunteerism, and community-led fundraising to advance park improvements.



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Implementation Approach

Implementation of the GPMP is intended to be incremental and flexible. Improvements to existing parks are anticipated to occur through a combination of municipal capital projects, partnerships with user groups, community fundraising, and volunteer efforts. Survey results indicate strong support for public investment, paired with community participation, reflecting Girdwood's history of volunteer-led park development.

Future park land acquisition and larger facilities will depend on funding availability, land transfers, permitting, and coordination with agencies and partners. The Implementation section outlines recommended roles and next steps to advance projects while allowing the community to respond to changing conditions and opportunities.

Conclusion

The Girdwood Parks Master Plan establishes a shared framework for park planning over the next 15 years. Based on extensive community input, the Plan identifies realistic improvements, long-term opportunities, and clear priorities for existing and future park land. It is intended to guide decisions, investments, and partnerships that support a functional and well-maintained park system.







INTRODUCTION

Overview

Located in the Glacier Valley along the Turnagain Arm, Girdwood is a small mountain community where the outdoors shapes daily life and local culture. While residents enjoy unparalleled access to backcountry recreation in the surrounding Chugach State Park and Chugach National Forest, the municipal parks located within Girdwood's commercial and residential core provide immediate, accessible places to play, gather, celebrate, and recreate on a year-round, daily basis.

For a community of just over 2,000 year-round residents, Girdwood is fortunate to have several municipal parks offering a wide range of amenities. These include a community-built playground, tennis courts, a skate park, Forest Fair grounds, disc golf, custom-built pavilions, and a baseball field at Girdwood Park; day-use fire pits and picnic areas at Lions Club Park; a chessboard and labyrinth at Town Square Park; and a soccer field, trailhead access, and expansive scenic views at Moose Meadow Park. In addition, Park Reserve Greenbelts form a network of undeveloped parcels woven through neighborhoods, providing drainage functions, wildlife habitat, and natural vegetation. Together, these parks and amenities offer residents of all ages meaningful opportunities to spend time outdoors while staying closely connected to the surrounding landscape.



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- ❖ provide guidance for future park land acquisition and development.

This park-specific Master Plan builds upon the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan (GCP), adopted by the Anchorage Assembly in April 2025. During the GCP process, community members expressed interest in identifying future park lands and expanding amenities within existing parks. While the GCP establishes general land use designations under which parks may be permitted, it does not provide the level of detail necessary to identify specific park amenities or future park parcels. One of the GCP's implementation actions directed the Parks Department to develop a dedicated parks master plan that would refine initial community input through additional public engagement and provide more detailed analysis and recommendations. The GPMP represents that next step.

While Girdwood is home to an extensive trail network, this Master Plan focuses specifically on municipal park parcels. Trail planning and management are addressed separately in the Girdwood Trails Plan, which provides trail-specific guidance and was recently adopted by the community.

THE GPMP FOCUSES ITS ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON FIVE KEY PARK AREAS:

- ❖ Girdwood Park (Forest Fair Park)
- ❖ Moose Meadow Park
- ❖ Lions Club Park
- ❖ Town Square Park
- ❖ Park Reserve Greenbelts

The GPMP is intended to guide decision-making over a 15-year planning horizon, with the goal of implementing many capital improvements and operational changes within that timeframe. The acquisition of future park lands, however, is anticipated to occur over a longer period and will depend on evolving land use patterns, funding availability, agency partners, and community growth.

The GPMP was developed in collaboration with Girdwood residents, a plan-specific advisory committee, Girdwood Parks and Recreation staff, and agency partners. Together, these participants shaped a framework to guide park planning and decision-making, as described in the following Process section.



Map 1: Girdwood Location Map



PLANNING PROCESS

Public Involvement Process

The GPMP was developed through a four-step public involvement process designed to engage the community, gather meaningful input, and guide the development of park recommendations. The process steps included Listen & Learn, Envision, Share, and Approve. This ensured that community members, stakeholders, and agency partners had multiple opportunities to participate throughout plan development.

Listen & Learn: This phase focused on understanding existing conditions, understanding community values, and park system needs. Engagement activities included stakeholder interviews, Advisory Committee meetings, a community-wide survey, site assessments, and a public open house.

Envision: Guided by site analysis and community input, the project team developed schematic design concepts for key park sites. These concepts were reviewed with the Advisory Committee and presented to the public for feedback.

Share: Based on comments received, schematic designs were refined and incorporated into the draft Master Plan. The draft plan was shared with the Advisory Committee and made available for public review over a one-month comment period.

Approve: The Draft Parks Master Plan will be presented to the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) and submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a public hearing and final review, followed by completion of the Final Parks Master Plan.

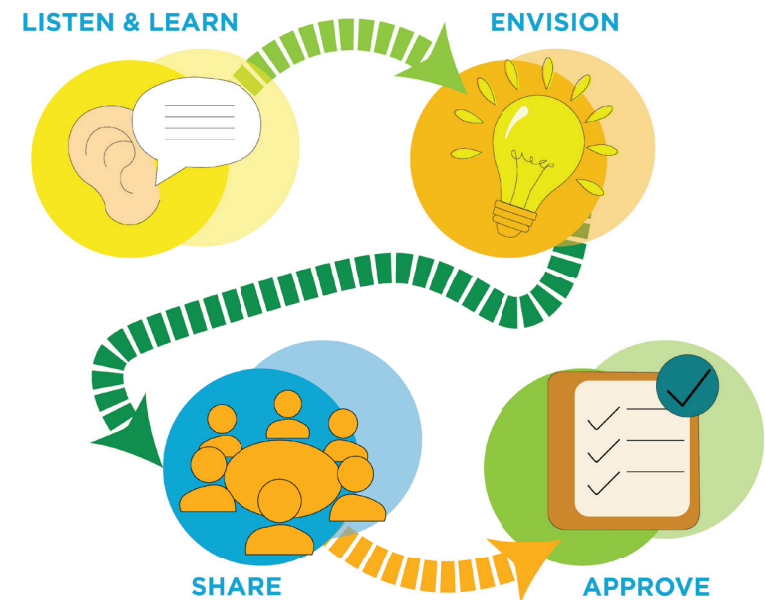


Figure 1: Project Process

LISTEN & LEARN AND ENVISIONS PHASES

Feedback collected during the Listen & Learn and Envision phases shaped the development and refinement of park concepts, while the Share phase provided an opportunity to confirm priorities and identify concerns before finalizing recommendations. This iterative approach helped balance community aspirations with feasibility, environmental considerations, and long-term maintenance capacity, resulting in a Master Plan that is community-driven and implementable.

Detailed documentation of the public involvement meetings outlined below, including meeting summaries, stakeholder interview notes, and survey results, are provided in the Appendix.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A plan-specific Advisory Committee was formed as part of the public involvement process and included key park and trail users, representatives of recreation groups, and community leaders. The Committee consisted of eight (8) members and met three times during the planning process to provide guidance, review materials, and offer feedback at key milestones. Advisory Committee input helped shape priorities, refine design concepts, and build consensus around plan recommendations.

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Stakeholder interviews were conducted to gain deeper insight into community needs, park usage, and long-term opportunities and challenges. A total of eight (8) interviews, including group interviews, were completed with local organizations, community leaders, long-time residents, and volunteers. Interview participants represented a wide range of perspectives and park interests.

Stakeholder organizations and representatives included:

- ❖ Girdwood K-8 School
- ❖ Girdwood Forest Fair
- ❖ Alyeska Resort
- ❖ Bikewood
- ❖ Girdwood Nordic Ski Club
- ❖ Chugach Adventure Guides
- ❖ Girdwood Community Land Trust
- ❖ Girdwood Art Institute
- ❖ Girdwood Inc.
- ❖ Girdwood Community Club

In addition to stakeholder interviews, a business-specific survey was distributed through Visit Girdwood to better understand how local businesses and their clients use Girdwood's parks and how parks support the local economy.

Girdwood Park Master Plan Stakeholder Interview Results

The public involvement team conducted stakeholder interviews as a key part of the planning process. Stakeholders included business owners, non-profit representatives, Alyeska Resort, Forest Fair volunteers, educational institutions, and residents, both long-term and recent. In addition, a business-specific survey was distributed through Visit Girdwood, with some of the key responses highlighted below. The following summary highlights key feedback from these interviews.



Girdwood Park

- Trail and bridge improvements in Forest Fair Park
- Improve parking lot safety for bikes and children
- Reorganize parking to be more efficient
- Reroute disc golf course



System Wide

- More Wayfinding/Signage
- Improve pedestrian connectivity
- Add more neighborhood parks or pocket parks
- More trash cans
- Provide potable water
- Improve restroom facilities
- Provide year-round restrooms



Maintenance

- Need to maintain existing facilities
- Protect and maintain Athabaskan trail



Desired Facilities

- Pump track
- Expanded skate park
- Ice rink
- Swimming pool
- Recreation/Community center
- Designated bonfire location
- More covered facilities



Other Issues

- Concerns about e-bikes/one-wheel conflicts on trails
- Concerns about HLB land being developed
- Dog waste is an issue

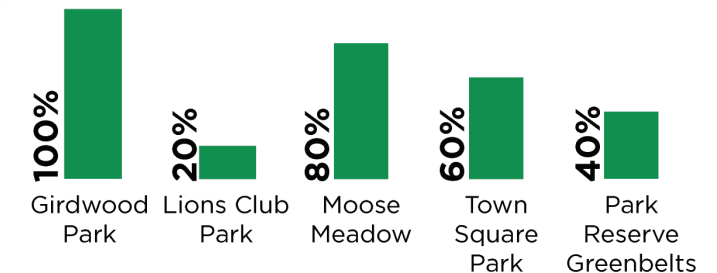
Business Survey Questions



How does your business or your clients currently use Girdwood Parks?



What parks in Girdwood does your business or your clients use?



What concerns do you have about the future of Girdwood's park system?

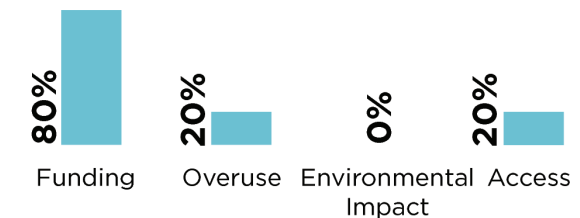


Figure 2: Business Survey Results

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Two public workshops were held during the development of the GPMP.

The first workshop took place on September 16, 2025, at the Girdwood Library Community Room. The workshop included a presentation on the goals of the Master Plan, the project timeline, existing park conditions, and preliminary results from the community survey. Participants then engaged in an open-house format with five interactive stations focused on key parks, greenbelts, and future park opportunities. Attendees provided comments on maps and materials identifying desired improvements, additions, and priorities.

The second workshop was held on December 16, 2025, also at the Girdwood Library Community Room. This workshop focused on draft schematic designs for park sites. Six interactive stations presented proposed concepts, allowing participants to review designs and provide feedback that informed final refinements.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

As part of the GPMP, a community-wide survey was conducted to gather input on the condition of existing parks and explore opportunities for future parks and facilities. The survey was available online via SurveyMonkey from July 21 to August 24, 2025, and received 210 responses, with 87 percent of respondents residing in Girdwood. Outreach was conducted by Girdwood Parks and Recreation and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, with information shared through the project website, community flyers, and social media platforms. Survey results informed both system-wide priorities and park-specific recommendations.

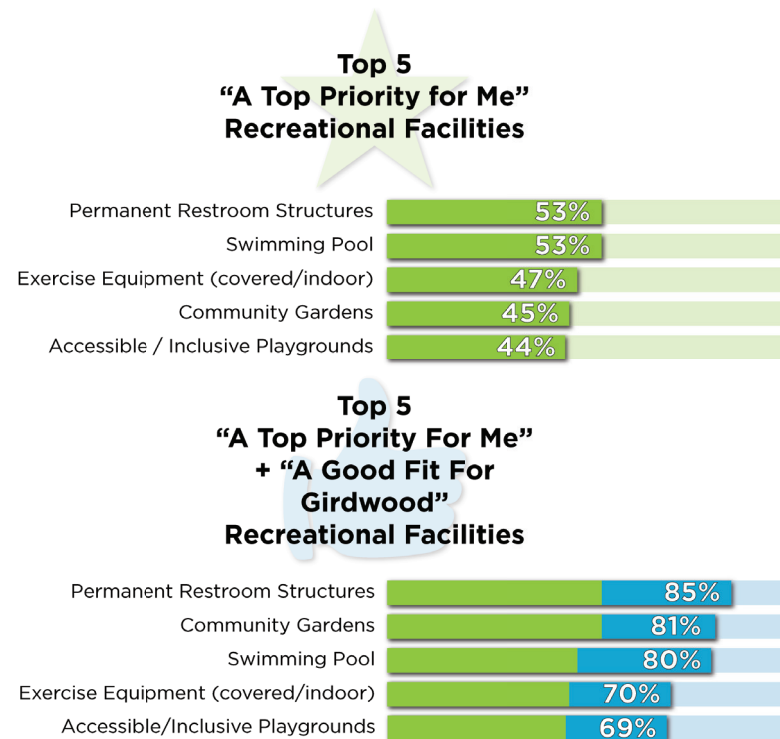


Figure 3: Community Survey Results

Community and Stakeholder Input Takeaways

While detailed summaries of meetings, interviews, and survey results are provided in the Appendix, the following takeaways summarize key themes that emerged during the public engagement process. These takeaways reflect community priorities for individual parks, future park opportunities, and the park system as a whole; they help inform the Existing Conditions analysis and recommendations that follow.

GIRDWOOD PARK (FOREST FAIR PARK)

With a high concentration of park elements, Girdwood Park is the most frequently used park in the system and is viewed as a central gathering place for residents and visitors year-round.

- ❖ Community members expressed a strong desire to maintain and enhance existing amenities, particularly the playground, skate park, and Forest Fair grounds.
- ❖ Permanent or improved restroom facilities were consistently identified as a priority due to the park's high level of use.
- ❖ Participants noted user conflicts, including between disc golf, playground users, and other recreational activities, and supported reconfigurations that improve safety and circulation.
- ❖ Flooding, erosion, and drainage concerns, particularly near California Creek, were identified as ongoing challenges that should be addressed in future improvements.





LIONS CLUB PARK

- ❖ Lions Club Park is valued for its informal gathering opportunities, and quiet character, but is perceived as underutilized.
- ❖ Community members expressed interest in improved amenities, including a covered shelter, seating, and potential restroom facilities.
- ❖ Improved parking organization and access to Glacier Creek were noted as opportunities to make the park more welcoming and functional.
- ❖ Participants supported modest enhancements that maintain the park's relaxed atmosphere while increasing its visibility and use.

TOWN SQUARE PARK

- ❖ Town Square Park is widely recognized as a key civic and cultural space, particularly for markets, events, and informal gatherings.
- ❖ This park is also considered underutilized or unknown to both residents and visitors; there was strong support for increased activation, including more community events, public art, and cultural programming.
- ❖ The lack of electrical power, lighting, and restroom access was identified as a limiting factor for expanded use.
- ❖ Improved wayfinding, signage, and landscaping maintenance were noted as opportunities to increase visibility and better connect the park to surrounding businesses.

MOOSE MEADOW PARK

- ❖ Moose Meadow Park is highly valued for its scenic beauty, winter trail system, and role as a community open space.
- ❖ Community members emphasized the importance of preserving winter trails and wetland resources while carefully managing summer use.
- ❖ Key concerns included parking limitations, drainage issues at the soccer field, and dog waste management.
- ❖ There was interest in addressing existing social trails and erosion from people trying to access viewpoints along the park perimeter, provided they do not compromise sensitive environmental areas or winter trail access.

PARK RESERVE GREENBELTS

- ❖ Many residents value the Park Reserve Greenbelts for their natural character but noted that they are not well understood or clearly marked.
- ❖ Improved signage, defined access points, and trail connections were identified as priorities to help residents better use and appreciate these spaces.
- ❖ Greenbelts were frequently discussed as opportunities for safe neighborhood connections, particularly for pedestrians and children, while maintaining undeveloped vegetation and drainage functions.





FUTURE PARK LAND

- ❖ Engagement participants expressed interest in identifying and protecting future park land, particularly as development continues in Girdwood.
- ❖ There was broad support for small neighborhood parks or pocket parks that provide walkable access to recreation.
- ❖ Community members emphasized that future park planning should prioritize connectivity, natural character, and multi-use flexibility rather than large, highly developed facilities.
- ❖ Concerns were raised about the long-term availability of land for parks and the importance of securing park land before development pressures increase.

GENERAL PARK SYSTEM

- ❖ Year-round and all-weather amenities, including covered spaces and indoor or semi-covered facilities, were consistently identified as unmet needs.
- ❖ Youth and teen recreation opportunities, including pump tracks, skate facilities, and informal gathering spaces, emerged as system-wide goals.
- ❖ Strong support was expressed for community partnerships, volunteerism, and fundraising, paired with recognition that adequate staffing and long-term maintenance funding are critical for sustainable improvements.
- ❖ The community values Girdwood's walkable character and expressed a desire to strengthen pedestrian and trail connections between neighborhoods and parks. At the same time, improved parking in select areas was also identified as a need.

Planning Context

Below is a table of existing municipal and Girdwood-specific plans and studies that are relevant to this parks master plan. The table provides a general description of the plans and an outline of key elements that are considerations for this master planning effort.

PLAN/STUDY	PLAN DESCRIPTION	CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE GIRDWOOD PARKS MASTER PLAN
Anchorage Park, Greenbelt and Recreation Facility Plan Volume 3 of 4: "Turnagain Arm"	This Volume of the Anchorage Park Plan was adopted in 1985 and outlines parks, greenbelts, and recreation facilities in Girdwood, Indian, and Bird Creek communities. The Plan provides schematic site plans and programming for parks and public facilities in Girdwood.	This 1985 Plan shows proposed parks, greenbelts, trails, reserve areas, and proposed facilities at specific parks. This Plan was considered while creating the new Girdwood Parks Plan.
Girdwood Comprehensive Plan	This plan was completed in 2024 as an update to the 1995 Girdwood Area Plan. The Girdwood Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document with visions, goals, policies, and implementation strategies to guide land use in Girdwood and aid in decision-making about land-use and growth while protecting community character, the natural environment and Girdwood's outdoor recreation economy.	<p>This Plan identifies areas of potential future dedicated park land, including:</p> <p>Four Corners: densely vegetated area of land encompasses where Glacier, Crow, and Winner creeks converge.</p> <p>An area west of the Alyeska Basin Subdivision (part of HLB parcel 6-036)</p> <p>An area south of the Girdwood South Townsite (HLB parcels 6-166, 6-205, and part of parcel 6-149)</p>



PLAN/STUDY	PLAN DESCRIPTION	CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE GIRDWOOD PARKS MASTER PLAN
Girdwood Trails Plan	The 2024 Girdwood Trails Plan defines existing and proposed trails in Girdwood and identifies trail and natural space projects. This plan provides a framework for local officials and partner organizations to make investments and project decisions.	<p>The Trails Plan identifies new trails as well as trailhead improvements, facilities improvements and programming which will be considered in this Parks Master Plan.</p> <p>Moose Meadow TH improvements: expand trailhead to accommodate 40 vehicles and include a restroom, signage, wayfinding and other trailhead amenities.</p> <p>Karolius TH: build a new trailhead with 24 vehicle capacity and include a kiosk, sanitation, and other trailhead amenities.</p> <p>Girdwood Town Center TH Improvements – with restroom: provide signage, wayfinding, trailhead amenities, and a restroom.</p>

PLAN/STUDY	PLAN DESCRIPTION	CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE GIRDWOOD PARKS MASTER PLAN
<p>Village at Alyeska – Area Master Plan Amendment</p>	<p>This is an update to the 2008 Alyeska Master Plan. This Amendment includes additional residential condos and other facilities.</p>	<p>Phase 1 beginning 2025 to be completed in 2027: Community Recreation Enhancements</p> <p>Phase 1 encompasses the development near the Resort including “Alyeska Village” and “Moose Meadow Village” features include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Recreation Center: A 20,000-square-foot facility featuring a fitness area, pool, and spaces for community gatherings. There have been discussions with potential partners. • Daycare Facility: A new childcare center aimed at supporting local families and resort employees. • NHL Regulation-Sized, Outdoor Covered Hockey Rink: An open-air rink designed to accommodate year-round recreational hockey and community events. • Trailhead Parking and Access: Enhanced parking facilities to improve access to local trail systems, supporting activities like hiking and cross-country skiing. <p>Future Phases: 2027 – 2033 - Condos, workforce housing and commercial space in “Alyeska Village” and “Glacier Creek Village” Development</p> <p>Beyond Phase 1, the Master Plan outlines a low-density residential development near Glacier Creek, projected to begin between 2031 and 2035, pending further approvals. This phase aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance Trail Systems: Plans include integrating and improving existing trail networks to support outdoor recreational activities. • Nordic Ski Center <p>While this plan presents many recreation facilities, not all projects listed above are guaranteed.</p>

PLAN/STUDY	PLAN DESCRIPTION	CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE GIRDWOOD PARKS MASTER PLAN
Heritage Land Bank 2026 Annual Work Program & 2027-2031 Five-Year Management Plan	The Heritage Land Bank (HLB) Work Program is an annually approved guide for allocating and managing HLB land and resources. The programs, functions, and activities must be consistent with Municipal Code, HLB policies, and pertinent comprehensive or area plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HLB Work Program was considered in development of this Park Master Plan. Parcels that are identified in the HLB workplan that are relevant to proposed park land or park facilities in the Girdwood Park Master Plan are identified and discussed in Section 4: Master Plan Recommendations and Section 5: Implementation.
Girdwood South Townsite Master Plan, 2014 (Update from the 2009 Plan)	This area master plan establishes the general arrangement of land uses, circulation and infrastructure systems for the Girdwood South Townsite including proposed vehicular and pedestrian circulation and the types of acceptable proposed development.	<p>The plan proposes a series of recommendations for the Girdwood South Townsite including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain the Kids’ Playground and Skateboard Park in current locations • Relocate the Little Bears Playhouse childcare center • Improve the Forest Fair Venue • Protect and improve the Iditarod Trail • Provide for a flexible mix of civic and commercial uses • Provide adequate access routes • Provide adequate parking • Provide a range of modestly priced housing • Create South Townsite development standards • Calm traffic on Alyeska Highway

PLAN/STUDY	PLAN DESCRIPTION	CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE GIRDWOOD PARKS MASTER PLAN
Crow Creek Neighborhood Land Use Plan, 2006	Adopted in 2006, the Crow Creek Neighborhood Land Use Plan was created to provide a master planning framework for an area of HLB land identified for residential zoning in the 1995 GAP. This area of land is west of Glacier Creek along Crow Creek Road. The Plan includes site designs and layouts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan notes that land east of Crow Creek Road is designated for Public Lands and Institutions, specifically intended for future school expansion and a possible neighborhood park.
Girdwood Commercial Areas & Transportation Master Plan, 2001 (CAT Plan)	The Girdwood Commercial Areas and Transportation Master Plan establishes a long-term, multi-modal transportation framework and a comprehensive strategy for enhancing the commercial areas of the Girdwood Valley.	Proposals within this plan were based on the land uses in the 1995 GAP. They have not been updated based on the new 2024 Girdwood Comprehensive Plan which recommends that the transportation network should be reviewed along with the Official Streets and Highways Plan and area-specific plans in order to develop an updated GAP transportation plan.
Glacier-Winner Creek Resort Development Land Use plan, 2006	This study developed a land use plan to support a new ski and year-round resort in the Glacier/Winner Creek area.	The plan proposes various development zones within the Glacier/Winner Creek Area including ski area development with 7 new lifts, 18-hole golf course, Nordic trails, and real estate development for residential and commercial uses. The Glacier/Winner Creek Area encompasses over 3,000 acres north of Arlberg Avenue and the Alyeska Resort.

PLAN/STUDY	PLAN DESCRIPTION	CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE GIRLWOOD PARKS MASTER PLAN
Municipality of Anchorage Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP), 2014	<p>The Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP) provides a means for the community to prepare for future development through establishing the location, classification, and minimum rights-of-way of those streets and highways required to accommodate the street and highway transportation needs of the community in years to come. The OS&HP prescribes the location and classification of present and future primary streets within the Municipality. *</p> <p>*From the OS&HP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New parkland identified as a part of this park master plan should consider its relationship to proposed transportation networks in the OS&HP.

TURNAGAIN ARM PARK PLAN (1985)

The Anchorage Park, Greenbelt and Recreation Facility Plan, Volume 3: Turnagain Arm (1985) established an early framework for parks, greenbelts, trails, and open space in Girdwood. This section summarizes key takeaways of the 1985 Turnagain Arm Plan.

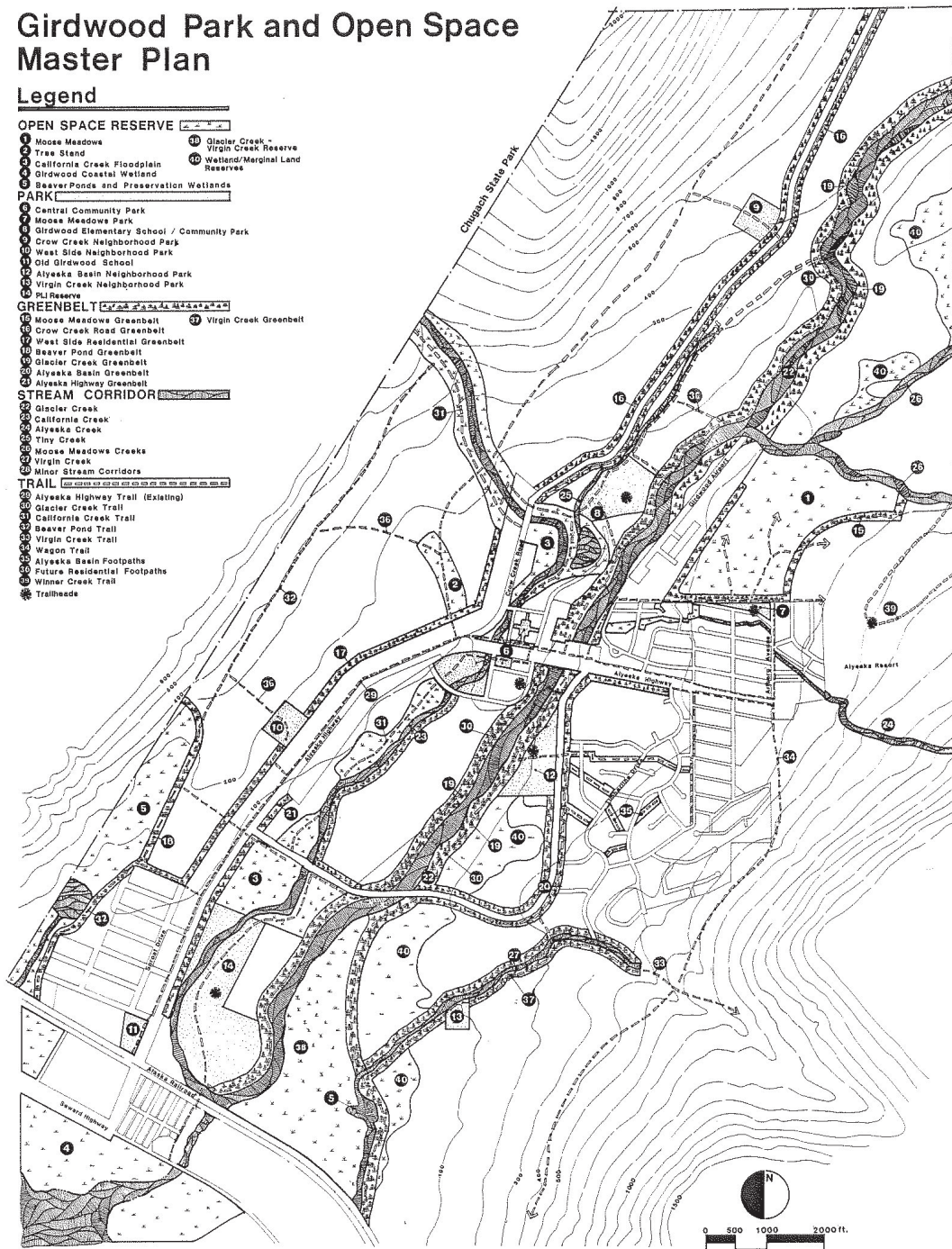
COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

- ❖ **Central Community Park Area:** The 1985 Plan identified a central park area including parcels now designated as Town Square Park, Town Square Buffer Park, California Creek Park, Lions Club Park, and portions of Girdwood Park. While the area is not formally named a “Central Community Park,” the concept of a central, clustered park system has persisted and expanded to today. The connectivity envisioned between the Town Square area and the California Creek/Girdwood Park area has not yet been fully realized.
- ❖ **Moose Meadows Neighborhood Park:** The 1985 Plan identified the southern portion of Moose Meadow Park as a neighborhood park with a 15-20 car parking lot, play equipment, picnic facilities, a trailhead for a one-mile interpretive loop connected to the Winner Creek Trail, and trails to Moose Meadows.
- ❖ **Girdwood Elementary School / Community Park** – The 1985 Plan outlines the school as a community park while noting that it does not need to be park land. The Plan calls out having sports fields, a trailhead for cross-country ski trails, and a linkage to the Central Community Park via California and Glacier Creek Greenbelts. The Plan also calls for a Master Plan of the school area, outlining program development at the site, the lake connecting trails, town square, the creeks, tennis courts, and the Forest Fair area.
- ❖ **Crow Creek Neighborhood Park** – The 1985 Plan calls for a “floating park” as a part of planned residential development in this area. The Plan outlines the park as 5-10 acres, with unmowed grassy play areas, picnic facility, play equipment, natural groupings of trees and shrubs, and parking for ten cars.
- ❖ **West Side Neighborhood Park** - This park is also a “floating park” providing the same amenities as the proposed Crow Creek Neighborhood Park, but at the area west of Alyeska Highway. The park would also be 5-10 acres, with fields, picnic area, and play equipment. The Plan specifies that the retention of wooded areas would serve as a buffer between residential areas and could also provide a space for trails.
- ❖ **California Creek – Glacier Creek Reserve** - This is the area southwest of the Waste Water Treatment Plant that extends to the railroad. The 1985 Plan suggests that this could be a potential public or institutional use and should be considered with the update of Comprehensive Plan.
- ❖ **Alyeska Basin Neighborhood Park** – This is another “floating park” proposed for the Alyeska Basin neighborhood described similarly as the other neighborhood parks: 5-10 acres, play equipment, fields, natural stands of trees and shrubs, and trailhead for access to greenbelt trails.
- ❖ **Virgin Creek Neighborhood Park** - This is another neighborhood park proposed along the south fork of Virgin Creek in anticipation of the proposed residential development in this area. It is described as 5-10 acres, with grassy play areas, picnic area, stands of trees and shrubs, and play equipment.
- ❖ **Girdwood Campground** – This is mentioned in the 1985 Plan as a proposed park, but a location is not suggested. It is described as 10 - 20 acres, for 20-30 camper vehicles and 10-20 tents. Facilities in the description include picnic tables, firepits, restrooms, and running water.

Girdwood Park and Open Space Master Plan

Legend

- OPEN SPACE RESERVE**
- 1 Moose Meadows
- 2 Tree Stand
- 3 California Creek Floodplain
- 4 Girdwood Coastal Wetland
- 5 Beaver Ponds and Preservation Wetlands
- 10 Glacier Creek - Virgin Creek Reserve
- 11 Wetland/Marginal Land Reserves
- PARK**
- 6 Central Community Park
- 7 Moose Meadows Park
- 8 Girdwood Elementary School / Community Park
- 9 Crow Creek Neighborhood Park
- 12 West Side Neighborhood Park
- 13 Old Girdwood School
- 14 Alyeska Basin Neighborhood Park
- 15 Virgin Creek Neighborhood Park
- 16 Reserve
- GREENBELT**
- 17 Moose Meadows Greenbelt
- 18 Crow Creek Road Greenbelt
- 19 West Side Residential Greenbelt
- 20 Beaver Pond Greenbelt
- 21 Glacier Creek Greenbelt
- 22 Alyeska Basin Greenbelt
- 23 Alyeska Highway Greenbelt
- STREAM CORRIDOR**
- 24 Glacier Creek
- 25 California Creek
- 26 Alyeska Creek
- 27 Tony Creek
- 28 Moose Meadows Creeks
- 29 Virgin Creek
- TRAIL**
- 30 Minor Stream Corridors
- 31 Alyeska Highway Trail (Existing)
- 32 Glacier Creek Trail
- 33 California Creek Trail
- 34 Beaver Pond Trail
- 35 Virgin Creek Trail
- 36 Wagon Trail
- 37 Alyeska Basin Footpaths
- 38 Future Residential Footpaths
- 39 Winner Creek Trail
- Trailheads



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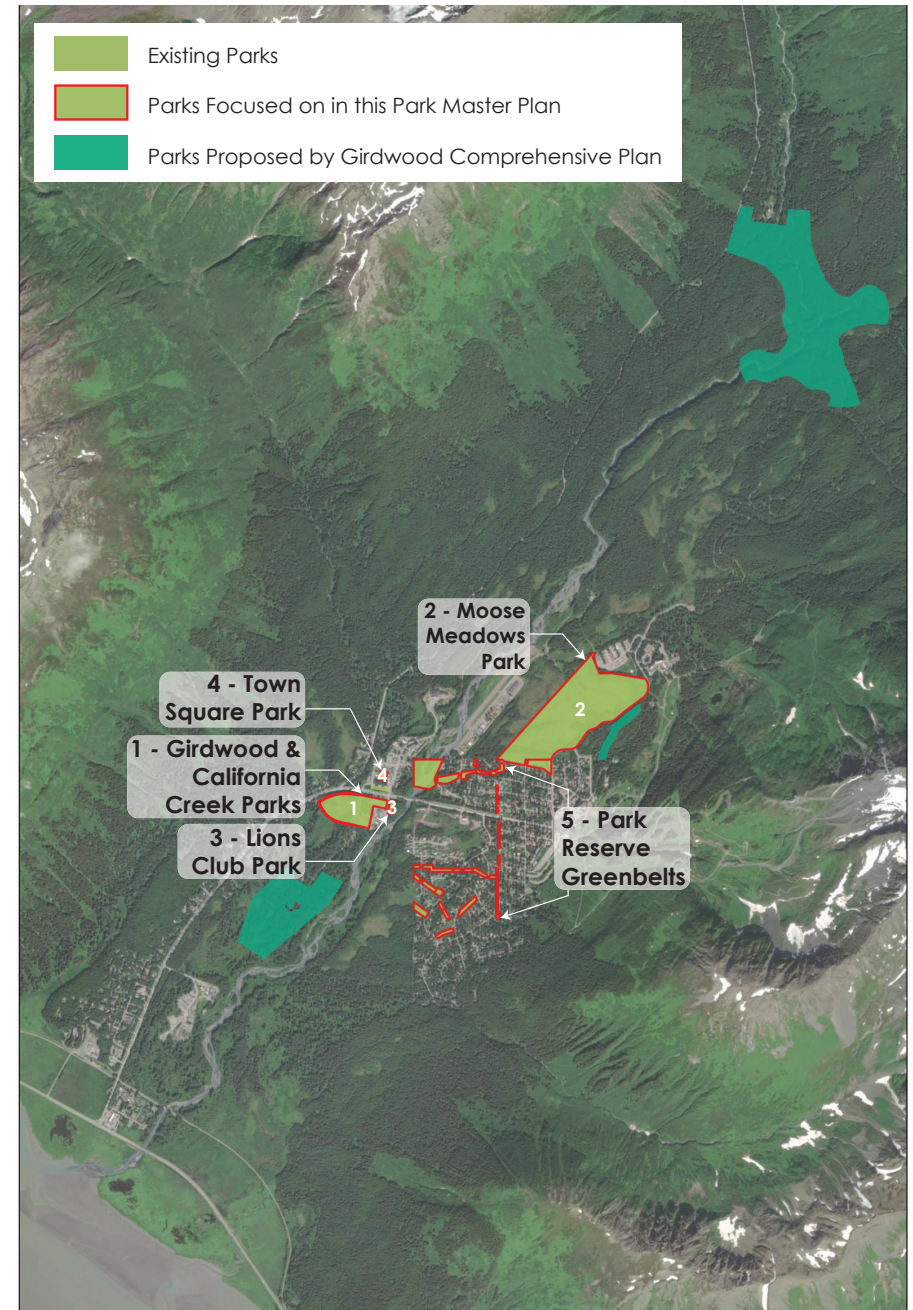


Figure 4: 1985 Girdwood Park and Open Space Master Plan Overview Map

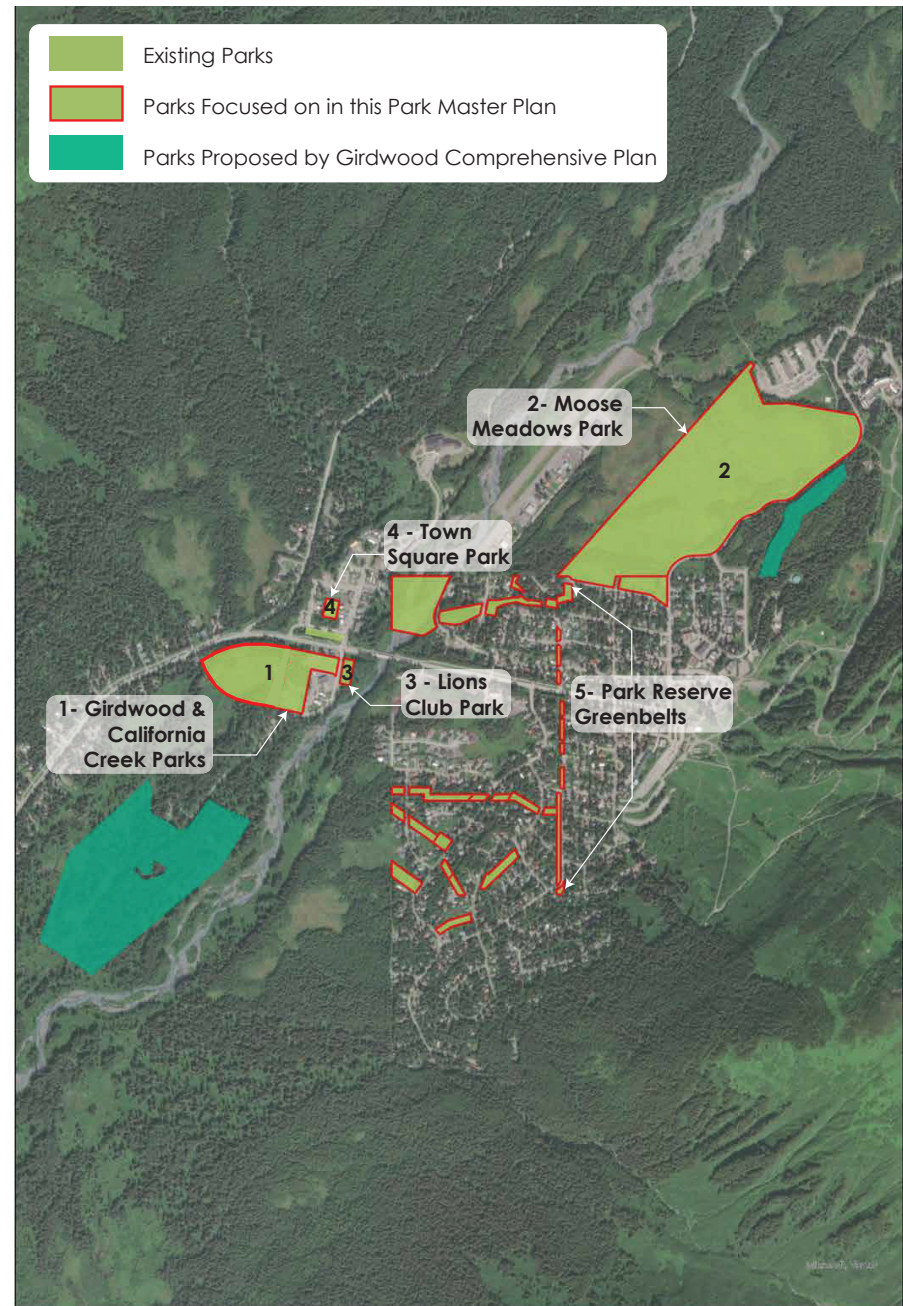
EXISTING CONDITIONS

Park System as a Whole

The Girdwood park system consists of Girdwood Park, California Creek Park, Lions Club Park, Town Square Park, Girdwood Town Square Buffer Park, Moose Meadow Park, and a series of Parks and Recreation-owned, undeveloped parcels that primarily follow drainages and utilities referred to as the Park Reserve Greenbelts. These parks are managed and maintained by Girdwood Parks and Recreation and contain areas for public fairs and events, outdoor recreation, conservation of natural areas, and greenbelts. The following section describes the parks focused on in this plan in more detail.



Map 2: Girdwood Existing Parks



Map 3: Girdwood Existing Parks Zoom-in

Girdwood Park & California Creek Park

LOCATION & CONTEXT

Girdwood Park and California Creek Park are located southwest of the intersection of Alyeska Highway and Egloff Drive and function as a central recreational area for the Girdwood community. The park area includes a broad range of amenities, natural features, and programming that support frequent use. While the park benefits from a concentration of recreational facilities and community-serving uses, its distance from major residential neighborhoods limits walkable access.

The park consists of three parcels: Girdwood 1st Addition TR A-1, Girdwood 1st Addition TR C-1, and Girdwood 1st Addition TR-B1. The overall area is commonly referred to as Girdwood Park, with the TR A-1 and TR C-1 parcels identified as Girdwood Park and the TR-B1 parcel identified as California Creek Park.

Several community and operational uses are located adjacent to or within the park area. Southwest of the park, parcels include the Girdwood Public Library and Fire Station, reinforcing the park's location within a civic-focused area. Within the park parcel near the primary entrance is a building signed as "Glacier City Hall" that functions as a municipal repair garage for street maintenance and Parks and Recreation operations. The building also includes a publicly accessible water spigot. Also located within the park is the Little Bears Playhouse, a local non-profit childcare facility situated between the Glacier City Hall building and the tennis courts. The Little Bears Playhouse operates out of an aging facility and is scheduled to relocate to a new site near Alyeska Resort in 2026.

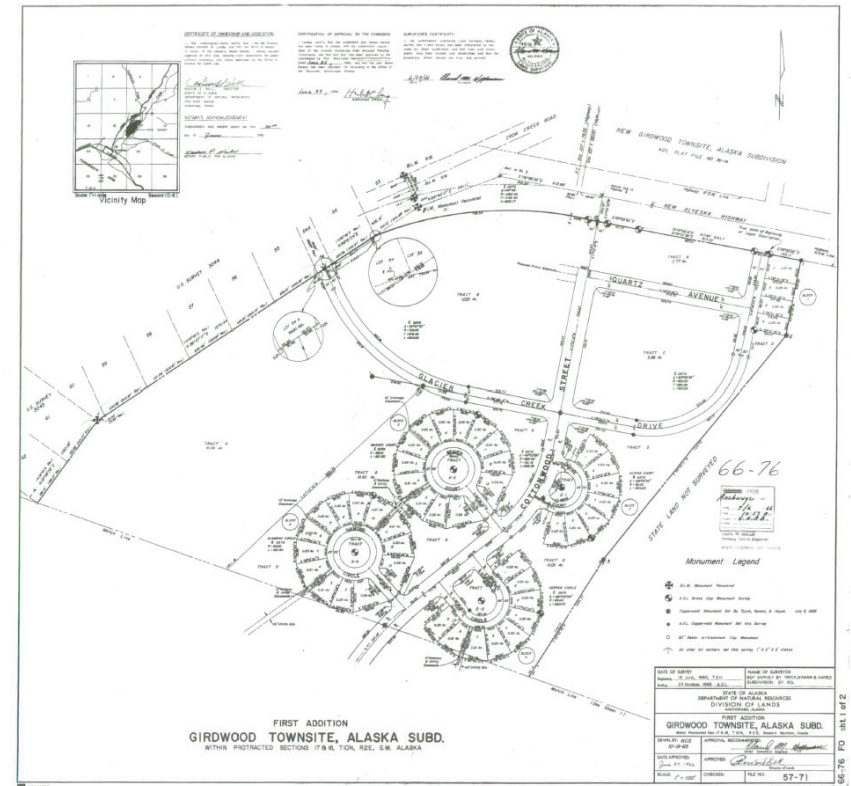
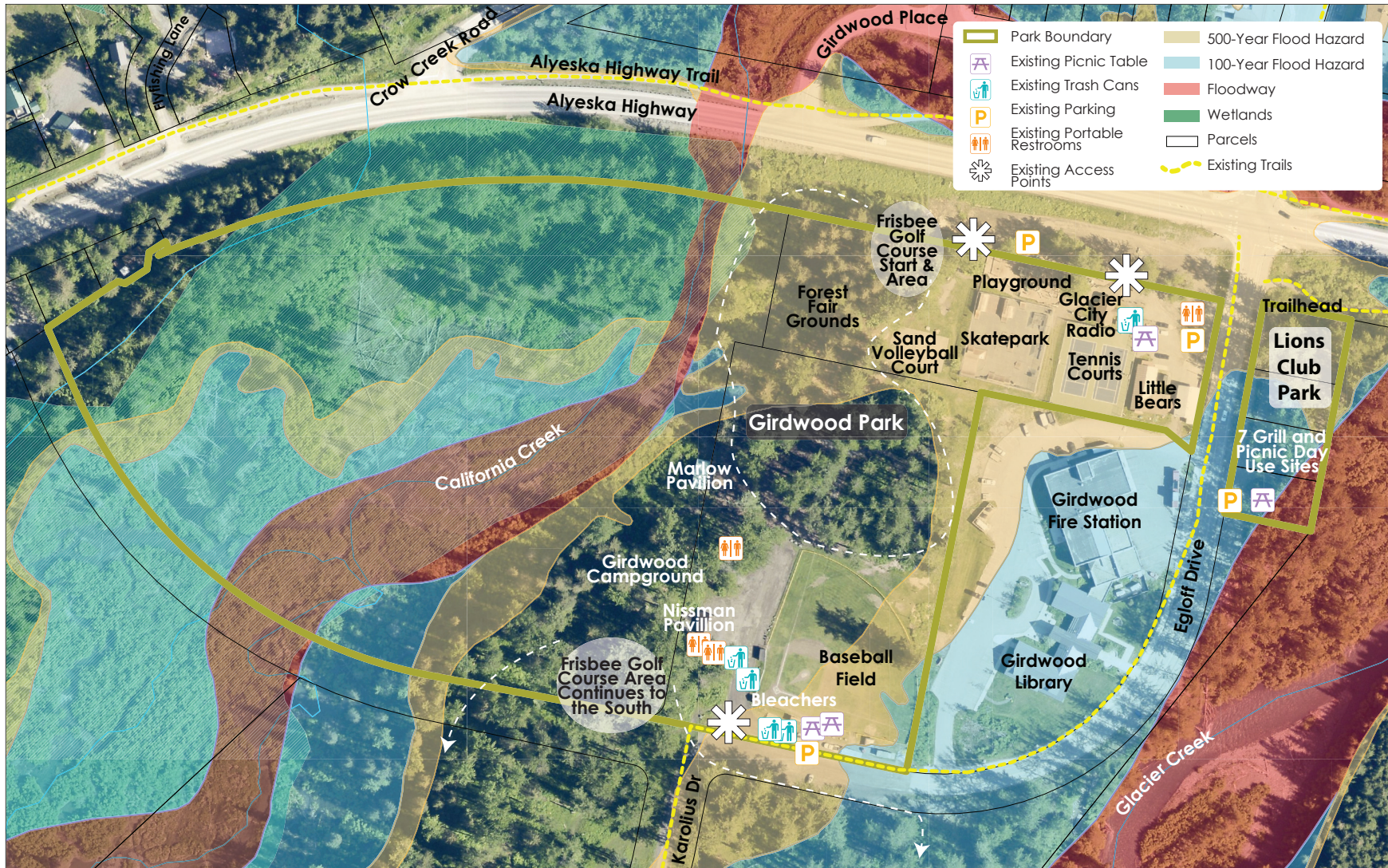


Figure 5: Girdwood & California Creek Park Plat Plan

Girdwood Park & California Creek Park



Map 4: Existing Girdwood Park & California Creek Park



The Glacier City Radio building is also located near the park entrance and is owned by the Girdwood Community Club. The building houses Glacier City Radio (88.9 KEUL) and was originally constructed in 1949, later relocated to the current townsite following the 1964 earthquake. It has served multiple community functions over time and is currently used lightly, with limited daily occupancy and no water service. The Girdwood Community Club occupies the building under a renewable agreement with the Municipality of Anchorage that allows continued use of the structure within the park parcel.

ACCESS, ENTRANCE, AND PARKING

Primary access to the park is provided by a parking area accessed from Egloff Drive. This parking lot serves as the main arrival point for visitors and provides access to many of the park's most frequently used amenities. The main portion of the parking lot is located within the park parcel adjacent to Egloff Drive; however, the parking area extends northward around the park, where a portion of the parking is located within the Alaska Department of Transportation right-of-way along Alyeska Highway.

The parking lot is gravel and lacks clearly delineated spaces, which can result in inefficient use and drainage issues at times. The primary pedestrian entrance to the park is located immediately adjacent to the parking area.

CORE RECREATION AMENITIES

The primary developed recreation area is located adjacent to the parking lot and includes the playground, skate park, tennis courts, sand volleyball area, and the baseball field to the south. These facilities support a range of active recreation opportunities and contribute to the park's high level of use.

The playground was constructed in 2006 through a community-led build effort. The fenced play area includes equipment serving multiple age groups and is constructed of cedar and composite decking. The playground remains generally functional, though composite and wood components show signs of deterioration. The play area is not fully ADA-accessible, and limited visibility from surrounding areas presents challenges related to supervision and safety.

Adjacent to the playground are the skate park, tennis courts, and sand area, which together form a concentrated active recreation zone. The skate park consists of surface-built features installed on top of a concrete slab. The tennis courts are relatively new and are in good condition. The volleyball functions as a multi-use sand pit, with limited use for organized volleyball.

The Sladen J. Mohl Memorial Baseball Field, located to the south, is in good condition and includes a fenced field, dugouts, and adjacent amenities such as picnic tables. Restroom facilities consist of porta-potties located near the main parking area, as well as additional units near the campground and ballfield. Trash receptacles are located near the tennis courts, with additional trash cans and picnic tables near the ballfield. There are also two pavilions, the Nissman Pavilion located adjacent to the baseball field, and the Marlow Pavilion, located northwest of the baseball field.



FOREST FAIRGROUNDS

The Forest Fairgrounds occupy a partially forested area that spans both the Girdwood Park and California Creek Park parcels and runs along the banks of California Creek. A paved loop trail winds through this wooded area, providing a shaded walking route for much of the year and serving as the primary venue for the annual Girdwood Forest Fair, a signature community event held each July. During the Forest Fair, the trail is lined with vendor booths, activity areas, and music stages, drawing large crowds from across the region and creating periods of congestion within the trail network and surrounding spaces. Due to the fairgrounds' proximity to California Creek, high water levels can create flooding challenges during the event. Outside of the Forest Fair, use of the trail and surrounding area is comparatively limited.



Figure 6: Existing Forest Fair Map



GIRDWOOD CAMPGROUND

Also adjacent to California Creek is the Girdwood Tent Site Campground, which includes small tent sites located near the river. The campground typically operates from late May through mid-September and offers first-come, first-served campsites for \$10 per night. Amenities include porta-potties, bear-resistant food storage lockers, and fire rings.

DISC GOLF COURSE

A disc golf (frolf) course begins near the playground and skate park and extends along the river corridor through multiple areas of the park. The course continues beyond the Girdwood Park and California Creek Park parcels, extending past the intersection of Karolius Drive and Egloff Drive. The course adds to the diversity of recreational opportunities within the park system and, while most heavily used during the summer months, remains popular throughout the year.



Figure 7: Existing Disc Golf Course

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

California Creek runs through the California Creek Park parcel and is a dynamic waterway with a shifting channel. Glacier Creek is located west of the park area. Together, these creeks create broad floodplain conditions within and adjacent to the park, which require careful consideration for future development and the placement of permanent structures. Members of the public have also noted the presence of beavers along California Creek, which may influence channel behavior, vegetation, and localized flooding conditions.





Lions Club Park

LOCATION & CONTEXT

Lions Club Park is located on Egloff Drive, directly across from Girdwood Park, and sits adjacent to the banks of Glacier Creek. The park's natural setting is characterized by dense forest cover, providing a serene and shaded environment for visitors. Its proximity to major local roads, particularly the intersection of Alyeska Highway and Egloff Drive, makes the park easily accessible to both residents and visitors.

AMENITIES & FEATURES

The park features seven designated day-use picnic sites, each equipped with grills. These sites are well-maintained and are occasionally used for outdoor meals and gatherings; however, overall park use is relatively low. Plans are currently underway for the construction of a new covered picnic shelter, which will enhance use during varying weather conditions and support year-round community activity.

At the north end of the park, near the intersection of Alyeska Highway and Egloff Drive, a trailhead kiosk displays a map of the Iditarod Trail and serves as a gateway into Girdwood's trail system.

The park borders Glacier Creek and is used as an informal access point for kayak and pack raft take-outs. Dense forest cover largely limits views of the creek from within the park.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

A significant portion of the park lies within designated flood hazard zones:

- The southeastern corner of the park is located within the floodway, which indicates a high-velocity, high-risk area during flood events.
- The southwestern area of the park lies within the 100-year floodplain, which has a 1% annual chance of flooding.
- The rest of the park is within the 500-year floodplain, which has a 0.2% annual chance of flooding.

These designations have implications for future development, maintenance, and emergency planning, and should be carefully considered in all long-term park management strategies.

Town Square Park

LOCATION & CONTEXT

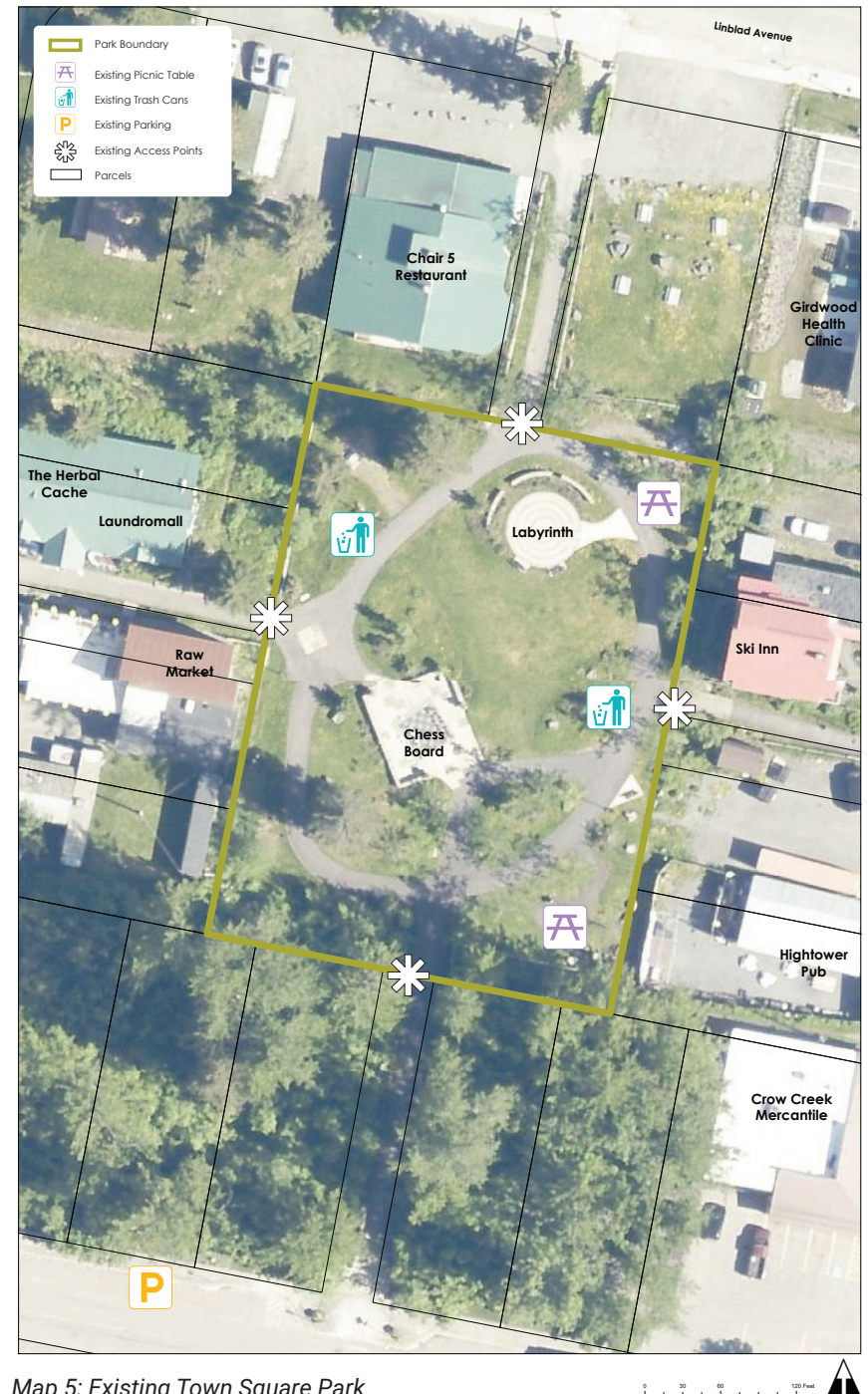
Girdwood Town Square Park is located within Girdwood’s civic and commercial area, occupying an interior block bounded by Girdwood Place, Hightower Road, Lindblad Avenue, and Holmgren Place. Surrounded by commercial and public buildings, the park is accessed by paved pedestrian pathways on all four sides and is located near key community amenities, including the Girdwood Health Clinic, post office, shops, cafés, and restaurants. Although centrally located within the town’s core, the park’s interior block setting and lack of direct street frontage limit its visibility to passersby.

AMENITIES & FEATURES

Town Square Park functions as a small urban plaza; key features include a paved labyrinth and a life-sized chess board, which support informal gathering and casual recreation. The park includes benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, landscaped planters, site lighting, and interpretive panels that describe Girdwood and its history. Site lighting enhances evening visibility and security, but some areas, such as the southwest corner, tend to be shady.

USE PATTERNS & MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

Girdwood Town Square Park plays a role as a gathering space for community events, most notably serving as the venue for the Girdwood Farmers Market in the summer. It also hosts occasional seasonal events and informal gatherings. However, the plaza’s lack of electrical infrastructure limits its capacity to support larger or more equipment-dependent events (e.g., concerts, markets with heating or additional lighting needs). During the winter months, pedestrian access routes to the park, which are located adjacent to surrounding buildings, can be affected by snow accumulation from nearby roofs. Walking surfaces within the park may also become icy, further limiting winter use.



Map 5: Existing Town Square Park

Moose Meadow Park

LOCATION & CONTEXT

Moose Park is a significant open space resource located between the Girdwood Airport and Arlberg Avenue. It is an expansive wetland habitat; its undeveloped landscape offers a visual and ecological counterpoint to the more developed areas nearby. While Moose Meadow Park is commonly perceived as one large open space, portions of the surrounding meadow are owned by the State of Alaska and associated with the Girdwood Airport. These areas are not municipal park land and may be subject to future airport-related use or development.

As a wetland, the meadow supports a diverse and sensitive habitat that is not suitable for year-round trail use. To protect this valuable ecological resource, public access is restricted during the summer months, with signage at trailheads discouraging pedestrian entry into the wetland. However, some people will try to access the wetland in the summer, particularly for taking photos, creating areas of impact and erosion within portions of the wetland near adjacent sidewalks and the park entrance.

In contrast, winter transforms the wetland into a popular recreational area, as frozen conditions make the trails accessible without harming the underlying habitat. These winter trails are well-loved and actively maintained by local community organizations, drawing residents and visitors alike for skiing, biking, walking, and snowshoeing. The open vistas of the wetland also offer sweeping views of the surrounding mountains and valley, making Moose Meadow Park a favorite winter destination for non-motorized recreation and quiet reflection.



Map 6: Existing Moose Meadow Park



AMENITIES & FEATURES

The park's trail system connects to the broader community trail network, making it an important node within Girdwood's overall trail system. The primary access point is a parking area located off Arlberg Avenue, which includes porta-potties and trash receptacles. The parking area has been identified in the Girdwood Trails Plan as a location for future expansion and reorganization to better accommodate seasonal use.

Adjacent to the meadow is a neighborhood soccer field, named the Alyeska Playing Field. While the Alyeska Playing Field serves as a recreational resource for the community, it continues to experience drainage issues. Waterlogged conditions frequently limit usability, particularly after rain events or during spring thaws. The soccer field is also used informally as a dog run, leading to accumulation of dog waste and occasional conflicts between users. These overlapping uses reflect existing management challenges associated with the site.



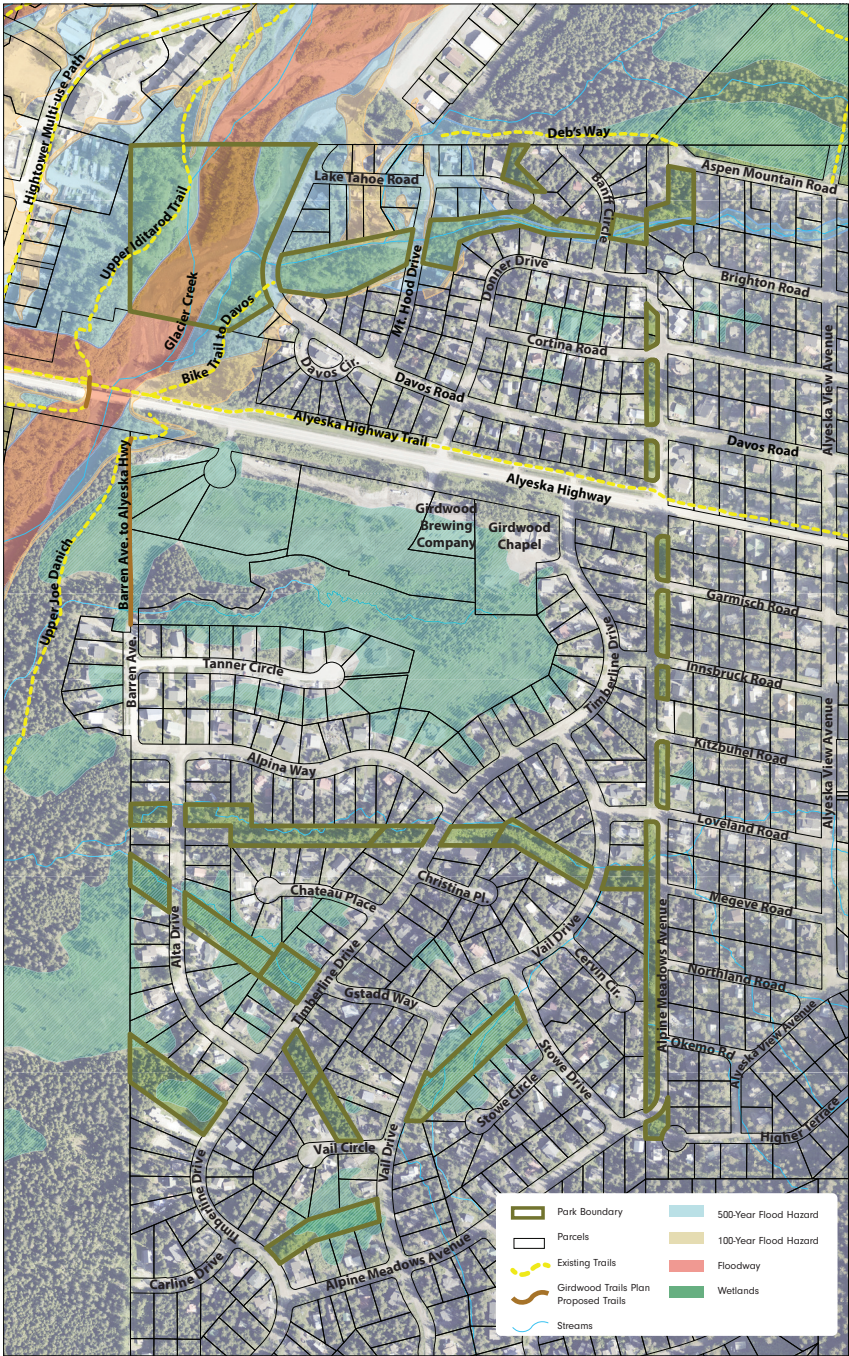
Park Reserve Greenbelts

LOCATION & CONTEXT

The Park Reserve Greenbelts consist of a series of interconnected Parks and Recreation–owned parcels that form natural corridors across the Ayleska Basin neighborhoods, both north and south of the Ayleska Highway. These greenbelt areas are typically aligned with natural drainage patterns or utility easements, resulting in narrow, linear parcels that weave between residential developments and other land uses.

One of the more prominent greenbelt sections is located north of the highway, where the park reserve originates near Glacier Creek and follows the course of Ayleska Creek to Aspen Mountain Road. Informal, user-created social trails are present within portions of the greenbelt system; however, these trails are unmarked, unmaintained, and not part of an established trail network.

One of the park parcels near Vail Circle has planned upgrades associated with Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) infrastructure, which should be considered in any future planning efforts.



Map 7: Existing Park Reserve Greenbelts

MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Overview

The Girdwood Parks Master Plan establishes a 15-year framework for park development shaped by community engagement and reflecting a shared vision for diverse recreational opportunities and facilities for residents and visitors.

Vision & Guiding Principles

The GPMP vision statement, developed during the engagement process, reflects the community's shared core values for the future of their park system. This statement represents the collaborative efforts and desires of the stakeholders, advisory committee, public workshop, and survey respondents to help guide decision-making for the plan.

Girdwood's parks are a reflection of local identity - places to gather, explore, and play; places to experience community, connection, and the joys of being outside.

Along with the vision statement, three guiding principles were also established for this planning process to ensure community consensus and collaboration.

- ❖ Nature and stewardship: Preserving wetlands, forests, and greenbelts while providing access to wild places.
- ❖ Inclusivity and access: Safe, family-friendly, year-round opportunities for all ages and a variety of activities
- ❖ Local identity: Parks that reflect Girdwood's unique, quirky, and community-driven spirit (recognized as part of our culture and economy)

Nature & Stewardship



Inclusivity & Access



Local Identity



Figure 8: GPMP Guiding Principles

Summary of Recommendations

The GPMP provides recommendations to guide the development of the Girdwood Park System for the next 15 years. Grounded in site analysis, assessment, and public input, these recommendations aim to address community issues and opportunities to help shape the future of Girdwood's park development. This plan focuses on revitalizing facilities, enhancing park spaces, supporting diverse recreation, reactivating community spaces, collaborating with local stakeholders, and ensuring a strong and vibrant park system for Girdwood.

Girdwood Park, California Creek Park, & Lions Club Park

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed improvements for the Girdwood Park, California Creek Park, and Lions Club Park focus on strengthening these parks as a shared recreation hub while improving safety, accessibility, and overall functionality. Recommendations prioritize organizing circulation and parking, upgrading aging facilities, and improving visibility and oversight within high-use areas, while maintaining flexibility for a range of recreational activities. This plan aims to accommodate multiple users and age groups while avoiding overprogramming and preserving the overall functionality of the park areas.

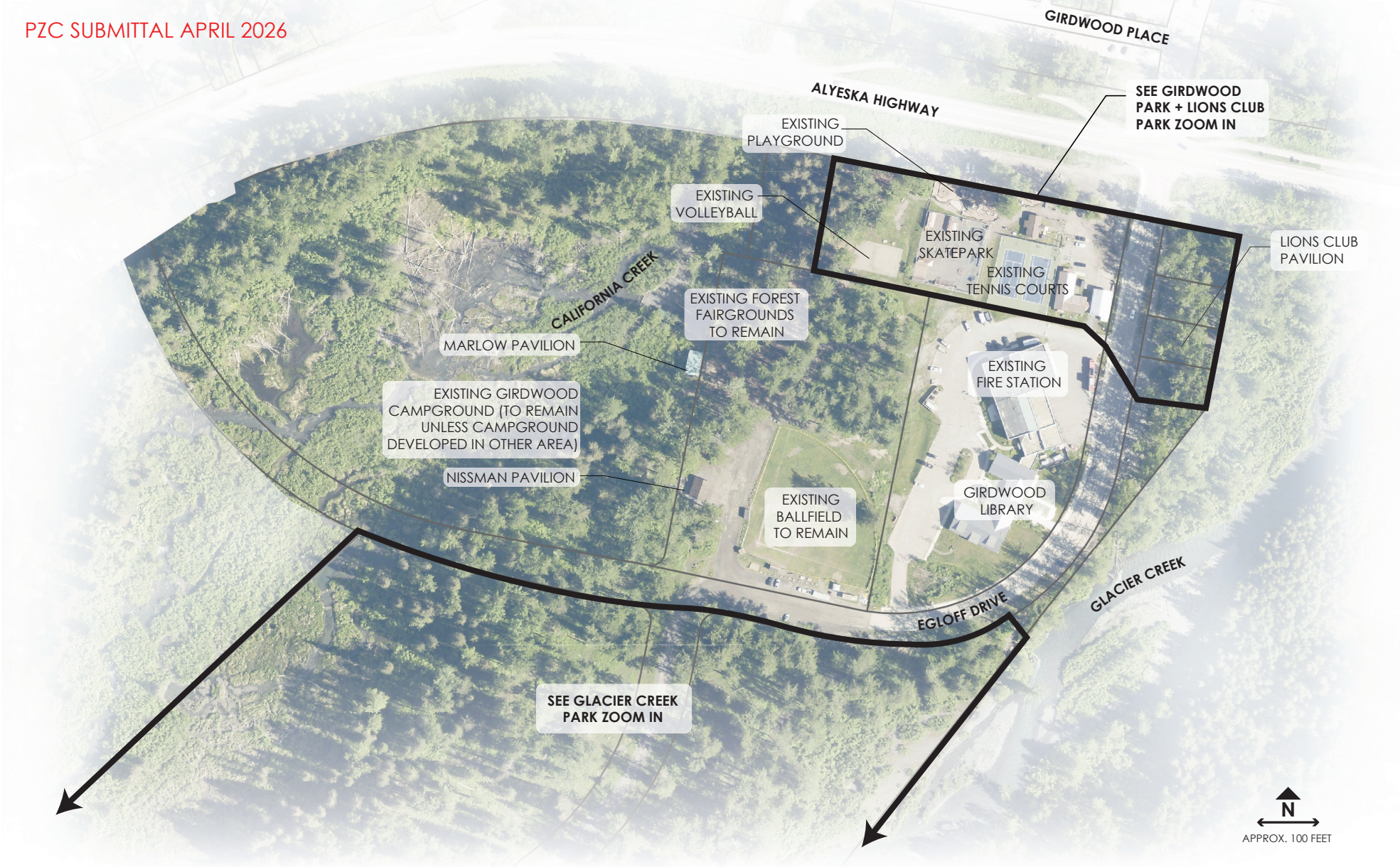
PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Improve the main parking lot with upgraded drainage, paving, and striping to clearly organize parking and orient visitors. Adjacent amenities should include a park sign, trash receptacle, information kiosk, and a screened area for portable restrooms if year-round facilities are not constructed.



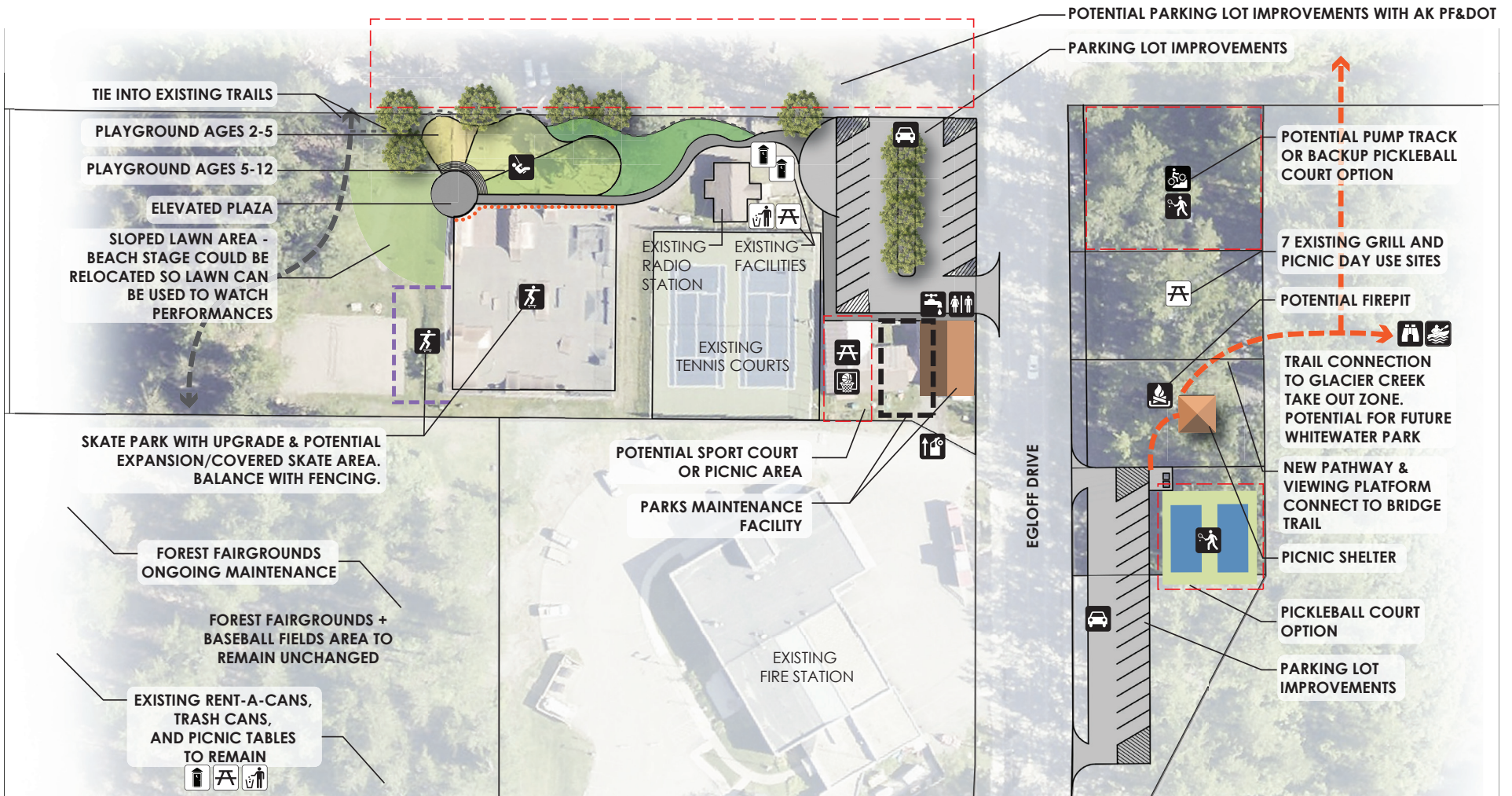
PROPOSED: GIRDWOOD, CALIFORNIA & LIONS CLUB PARKS

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Map 8: Proposed Girdwood, California & Lions Parks

PROPOSED: GIRDWOOD PARK + LIONS CLUB PARK PZC SUBMITTAL APRIL 2026



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| | EXISTING PICNIC AREA | | EXISTING PORTABLE RESTROOM |
| | EXISTING TRASH CAN | | PROPOSED RESTROOM |



Map 9: Proposed Girdwood & Lions Parks

AK PF&DOT PARKING LOT CONSIDERATIONS

Portions of the current community parking area lie within the Alaska DOT&PF right-of-way. Any future DOT improvements in this corridor should consider the community's use of this area for parking and explore opportunities to improve drainage, circulation, and safety as part of right-of-way upgrades.

The proposed improvements in this plan focus on the portion of the parking area located within the park parcel. Improvements to the parking area north of the park are also recommended; however, those improvements would need to be developed in coordination with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), as they fall within the state right-of-way.

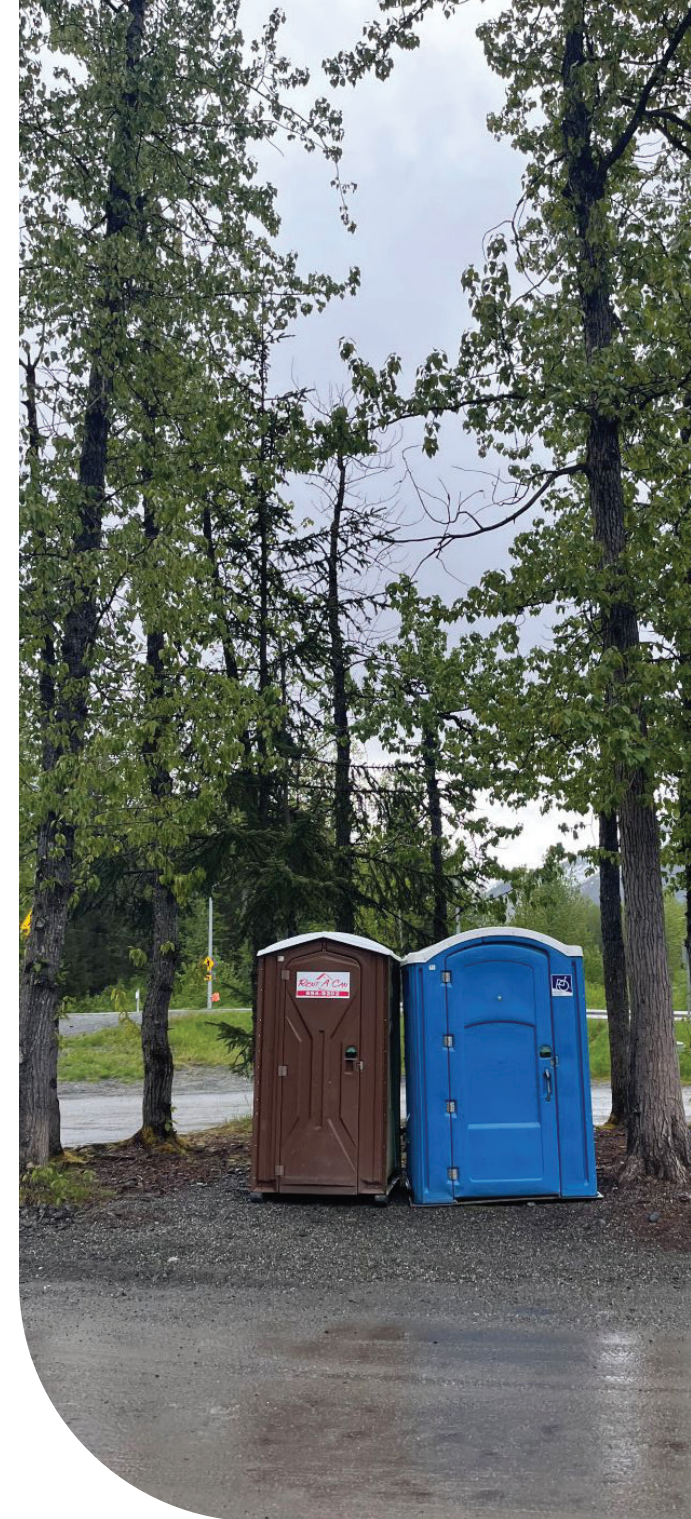
NEW PARKS & RECREATION MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Construct a new Parks and Recreation Maintenance Building with garage access from the Fire Station parking lot for Parks vehicles. The building program may include 1 year-round public restrooms on the north side with access to potable water, as well as work space for park maintenance staff. The facility should be designed with an aesthetic frontage appropriate to its park setting.

The proposed location and footprint currently align with the existing "Glacier City Hall" building; however, this footprint does not meet property setback requirements. Further exploration will be needed during design. A dashed black box indicates the approximate offset required to meet setbacks, which would eliminate potential improvement between the tennis court and the new building as described below.

POTENTIAL SPORT COURT OR PICNIC AREA

With the relocation of Little Bears, the area where the building currently sits could be activated to support additional recreational uses, such as a partial basketball court, or a picnic area. The area is limited in size, and uncertainties related to the final siting of the new Parks and Recreation Maintenance Building may make additional uses infeasible. Final amenity selection and building placement should be determined during subsequent design phases.





PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Upgrade the playground area with new equipment designed for both 2–5-year-olds and 5–12-year-olds. Play equipment should reflect the character and identity of Girdwood. The community places a high value on community-built play equipment where feasible. Consider the natural setting of the playground and incorporate natural materials.

ELEVATED PLAZA

A central elevated plaza could provide visual oversight of both play areas and the skate park. Amphitheater-style terraced seating descending toward the playgrounds would offer comfortable areas for parents and caregivers to sit. Grading on the back side of the plaza could form a small hill suitable for children’s sledding in winter. If the Forest Fair Beach stage is relocated and oriented toward this hill, it would create natural sloped seating and standing space.

SKATEPARK WITH UPDATED CONCRETE FEATURES

Upgrade the existing skate park with new concrete features. Work with the skating community to determine the appropriate features and layout. A covered structure on all or portions of the skatepark should be considered as part of the next design phase. The community expressed interest in having the skatepark accessible during rain events.

A dashed line indicates an area that could be considered for expansion during design development if additional space is needed. This expansion area would conflict with the existing sand court, which is used during Forest Fair. The expansion footprint should be coordinated closely with Forest Fair programming.

LIONS CLUB PARKING LOT

An upgraded parking lot is proposed at Lions Club along Egloff Drive. The proposed layout shows a one-way entrance and exit with angled parking. Final driveways and layout will need to be determined in later design stages. Paving and striping will improve drainage and enhance circulation and safety along Egloff Drive.

PICKLEBALL COURT

Pickleball courts are proposed adjacent to the Lions Club Park parking lot, west of Egloff Drive. This option would help distribute activity more evenly across the park and locate the court close to parking, improving ease of access. However, the area is surrounded by mature cottonwood trees that would require removal, and long-term impacts from existing root systems should be considered when evaluating construction techniques. The location may need to shift based on further site investigations on existing terrain and drainage. The exact size and number of courts will be determined during site design; however, a target of three to four courts is recommended. Parks and Recreation should coordinate with the local pickleball community during the design process. A back up location for pickleball courts is identified in the northern portion of Lions Club Park, where a potential pump track is also proposed.

LIONS CLUB PARK PICNIC SHELTER

Construct a new picnic shelter at Lions Club Park to support gatherings, events, and year-round community use. The picnic shelter has been funded, designed, and is planned for construction in 2026. The shelter should be located close to the parking lot but sited far enough north to avoid potential conflicts should pickleball courts be expanded in the future.

POTENTIAL PUMP TRACK AT LIONS CLUB PARK

A mountain bike pump track is identified as a potential recreational amenity at Lions Club Park. A pump track has been consistently raised as a desired facility during public engagement. At this location, the facility would likely be small in scale and geared toward beginner users. Development of a pump track in this area would impact existing picnic areas within Lions Club Park.

The pump track is shown conceptually, as its final location has not yet been determined. Other parks and park lands in Girdwood are also being considered as potential pump track locations (see Implementation section). If this location is ultimately not selected for a pump track, the area could remain forested or continue to function as picnic space.





CREATE NEW ENTRY GATEWAY / PLACEMAKING SIGNAGE AT LIONS CLUB PARK

Install a new gateway feature or placemaking sign along the northern perimeter of Lions Club Park, visible from Alyeska Highway, helping to strengthen park visibility and identity.

NEW PATHWAY/BOARDWALK TO RIVER VIEWING PLATFORM

Develop a new pathway and boardwalk to provide accessible pedestrian access to a river viewing platform. This connection could also serve as access to boat take-out areas.

FOREST FAIR GROUNDS – ONGOING MAINTENANCE

The Forest Fair Board has expressed interest in potential maintenance and repair projects within the Forest Fair Grounds, including pathway and bridge improvements as well as managing the forest as old growth cottonwoods are removed or die. If the organization pursues these projects, Parks and Recreation should coordinate with the Forest Fair Board as needed to support the work in accordance with timing for event.

This plan also proposes the future relocation of the disc golf course and camping areas, as shown in the Glacier Creek Park concept. Once relocated, these areas will require remediation. There is community interest in adding nature play facilities or exercise equipment throughout Forest Fair Park to add to year-round activity in the area without interfering with the Forest Fair event.

Town Square Park

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

Community members expressed a desire for Town Square Park to feel more visible, cohesive, and inviting as a central gathering space. The proposed improvements build on this feedback by envisioning the park as an informal “outdoor museum” that celebrates Girdwood’s art, history, and culture through coordinated signage, artistic elements, and interpretive features. By organizing and elevating existing artworks, historic features, and gathering spaces within a shared framework, the recommendations aim to create a stronger draw to the park, encourage everyday use, and support community events. Together, these elements could create a welcoming “art and history walk” that attracts visitors and enriches community events. The park already has beautiful custom artwork and features, existing art should be preserved or if it needs to be relocated it needs to be done with great care and respect.

CREATE NEW ENTRY GATEWAYS

Install new gateways at park entry points along Girdwood Place, Hightower Road, and Lindblad Avenue to improve visibility and wayfinding. If existing planters interfere with snow plowing or snow storage, they should be removed or relocated as needed. Where planters include artistic mosaic elements, artists should be engaged to determine how artwork can be preserved and relocated appropriately. Gateways at Lindblad Avenue and Hightower Road should be designed to allow closure during hazardous roof avalanche conditions. Gateway designs should reflect Girdwood’s local aesthetic. Holmgren Place functions as a utility access point; any gateway at this location should be smaller in scale, such as a single post, to avoid interfering with access and operations.








UPDATED PICNIC TABLE AND BENCHES

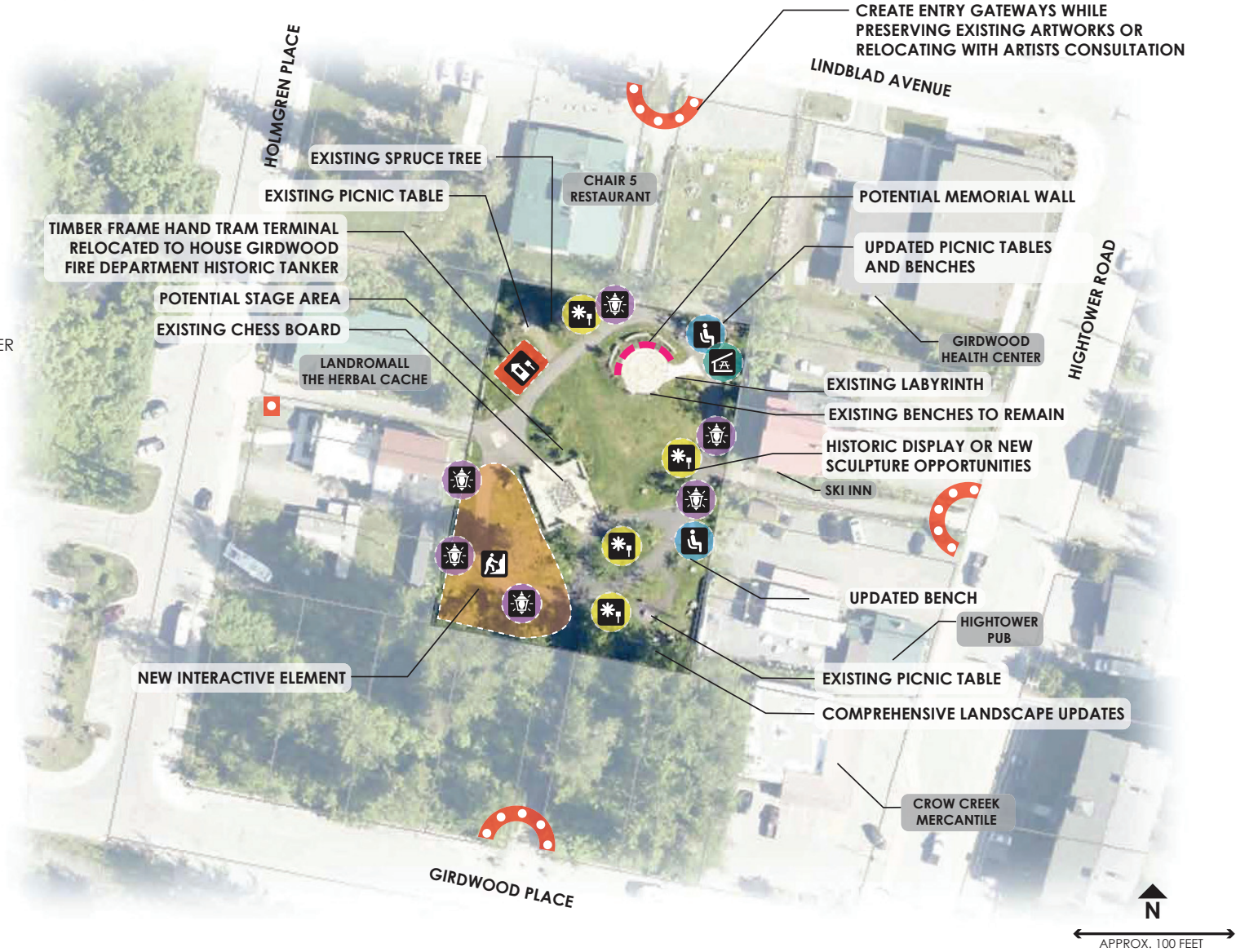
Replace the existing picnic table in the northeast corner of the park with a custom covered picnic table. Add two interactive bench elements: one near the northeast corner and one replacing the existing bench along the path on the east side of the park. New furnishings should incorporate artistic elements inspired by Girdwood’s character, with each piece serving as both functional seating and artwork.



PROPOSED: TOWN SQUARE PARK PZC SUBMITTAL APRIL 2026

LEGEND

-  ENTRY FEATURE
-  ARTISTIC OR HISTORIC SCULPTURAL ELEMENT WITH "MUSEUM" SIGNAGE
-  NEW CUSTOM BENCHES
-  NEW CUSTOM PICNIC TABLE
-  NEW INTERACTIVE ELEMENT
-  RELOCATED HAND TRAM STRUCTURE & OLD WATER TANKER
-  EXISTING LIGHTPOSTS - POTENTIAL POWER SOURCE



Map 10: Proposed Town Square Park

RELOCATE AND PRESERVE HISTORIC STRUCTURES

Relocate the timber-frame hand tram terminal to Town Square Park to house the Girdwood Fire Department's historic tanker. The structure and artifact should be accompanied by simple, consistent museum-style signage to provide historical context.

ADD SCULPTURAL AND HISTORIC ELEMENTS

Identify additional locations within the park for new sculptural and historic elements. This approach would allow for ongoing collaboration with local artists over time, enabling the park to evolve through phased additions. Potential elements include a mural board that could function as a fence, weather-activated sculptures that respond to rain, snow, or wind, and large-scale interactive elements such as building blocks or puzzles.

MAINTAIN AND INTERPRET EXISTING FEATURES

Retain the existing chessboard and labyrinth while introducing consistent museum-style signage to provide context and artistic interpretation for each feature.

ADD A NEW INTERACTIVE FEATURE

Introduce an artistic interactive sculpture or climbing structure that combines sculptural design with functional play elements. A climbing feature could offer challenges suitable for both young children and experienced adult climbers, integrating into the park's artistic and natural character. Consider materials that weather well in a wet environment.

POTENTIAL MEMORIAL WALL

If the Girdwood Cemetery is not constructed, Town Square Park could provide a location for a memorial wall integrated around the existing labyrinth.

COMPREHENSIVE LANDSCAPE UPDATES





Conduct a comprehensive landscape inventory and redesign to address ongoing maintenance challenges and enhance the park's overall appearance. The redesign should identify and resolve problem areas, improve accessibility, and open key viewsheds within the park. Consider removing or replanting overgrown shrub beds that are difficult to maintain and replacing them with low-maintenance native plantings or lawn areas that improve year-round visibility and safety.

NEW STAGE, ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND SEASONAL EVENT SUPPORT

Improve the electrical infrastructure within Town Square Park to better support community events and seasonal activities. This may include adding electrical outlets tied into existing site lighting and incorporating a small performance stage or designated event space that can accommodate gatherings, performances, and temporary installations throughout the year.

Improved electrical access would allow for flexible programming, including seasonal lighting elements, temporary art installations, and small-scale performances. Lighting of existing trees or artistic features could be incorporated as part of the enhanced electrical capacity.

Moose Meadow Park

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

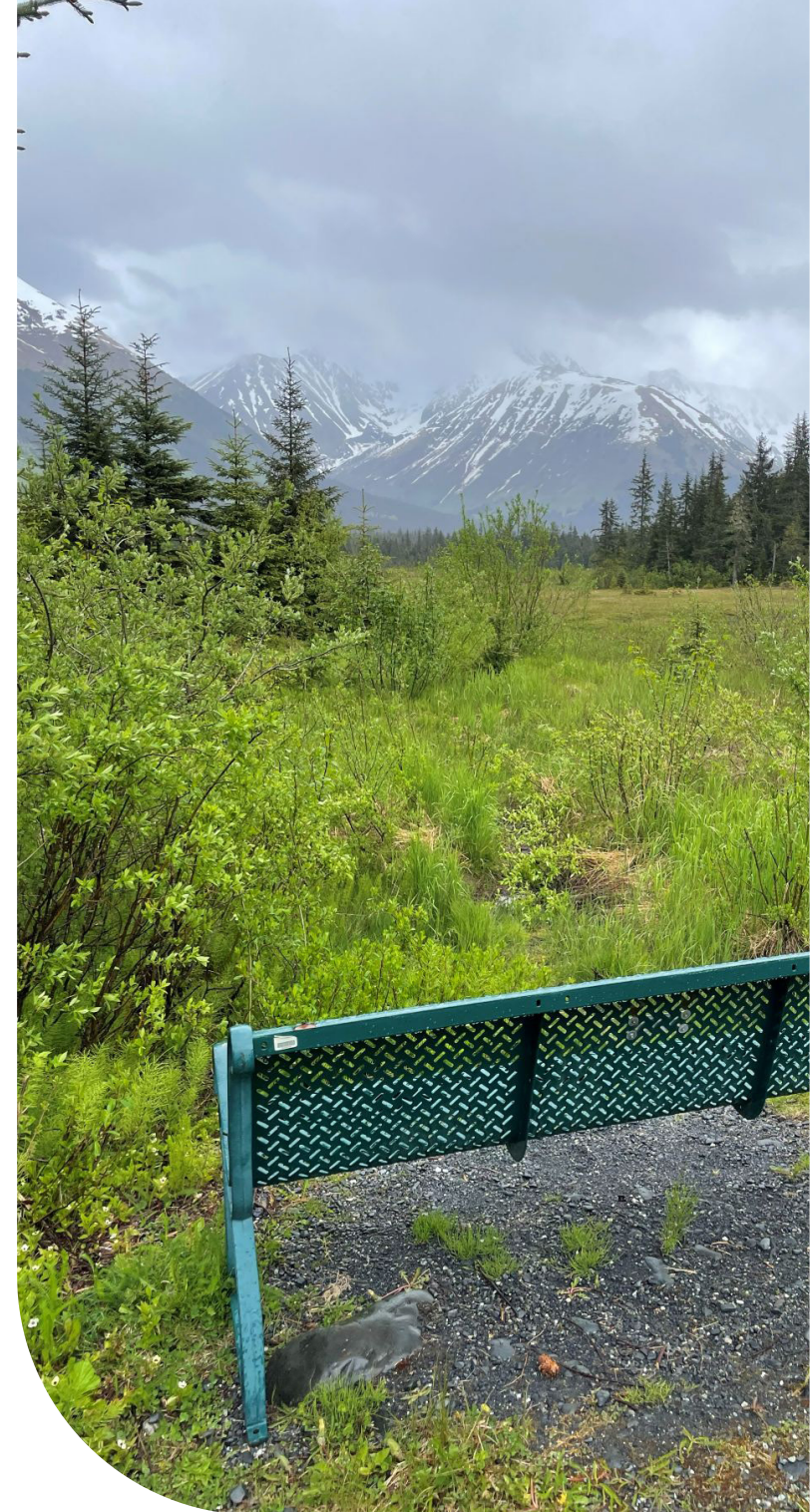
Moose Meadow Park is a unique open space within the park system, characterized by sensitive wetland habitat and seasonal recreational use. The following improvements focus on enhancing access and supporting existing activities while recognizing the site’s ecological constraints. Recommendations include upgraded parking and trailhead amenities, improvements to the existing soccer field, a small playground, and low-impact access features such as a viewing platform and boardwalk. Together, these improvements are intended to support existing recreation, improve site functionality, and create a welcoming experience at the edge of the meadow while preserving the surrounding natural landscape.

UPGRADED PARKING LOT & TRAILHEAD AMENITIES

Improve the parking lot to provide approximately 30–40 parking spaces. New amenities should include a park sign, a trailhead kiosk, a bear-resistant trash receptacle, and a screened area for portable restrooms. Continue to provide signage related to dog regulations and include dog waste stations. These improvements align with recommendations in the Girdwood Trails Plan.

SECONDARY DRIVEWAY ACCESS OPTIONS

Explore driveway access options as part of the parking lot design. A sight-distance analysis should be completed to determine whether the existing driveway provides adequate visibility along the curve on Arlberg Avenue. Vegetation within the right-of-way may require selective clearing. A potential secondary driveway access to the south should also be explored, either from Aspen Mountain Road or from Arlberg Avenue in areas with existing impacts, while avoiding conflicts with overhead utility lines.



PROPOSED: MOOSE MEADOW PARK DRAFT PLAN MARCH 2026



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|  POTENTIAL PUMP TRACK |  PROPOSED VIEWPOINT |  PARK ELEMENT SHOWN IN MULTIPLE PARKS AND LOCATIONS. |
|  PARKING LOT UPGRADES |  PROPOSED PLAYGROUND |  SCENIC VIEWING PLATFORM AND BOARDWALK ROUTE OPTIONS. EXACT ALIGNMENT TO BE DETERMINED AFTER MORE DETAILED SITE ANALYSIS. |
| |  PROPOSED SNOW STORAGE | |



Map 11: Proposed Moose Meadow Park

IMPROVED SOCCER FIELD

Improve drainage at the existing Alyeska Playing Field to address persistent waterlogged conditions. The field location may be adjusted as needed to accommodate upgraded trailhead amenities. The soccer field should be configured to support one larger field oriented east–west, with smaller fields accommodated within the same footprint oriented north–south.

SMALL PLAYGROUND

The Girdwood Parks and Recreation system currently has one city playground located at Girdwood Park. While it is a well-loved community asset, it is not located within a residential neighborhood, which limits walkable access for families. Adding a playground at Moose Meadow Park offers an opportunity to introduce a neighborhood-scale play space on existing park land, adjacent to a residential area in an already active park setting.

The playground should be sited to preserve existing trees and maintain appropriate separation from the soccer field. Equipment should ideally serve both 2–5-year-old and 5–12-year-old age groups.

SCENIC VIEWING PLATFORM AND CONNECTION TRAIL

Girdwood residents and visitors value the scenic views provided by the meadow; however, informal access for photography has resulted in impacts to wetland areas and the creation of social trails. This plan proposes a designated viewing platform and associated trail connections to provide structured access while reducing impacts to sensitive areas.

Three potential viewing platform locations are identified. The intent is not to construct all platforms or trail segments; rather, the plan presents options to be evaluated during later design phases. Final alignment and platform locations should consider viewsheds, accessibility, opportunities for loop connections, cost, and avoiding conflicts with winter trail use.





POTENTIAL KIDS PUMP TRACK OPTION

Community members expressed interest in a children’s bike pump track, with feedback emphasizing the value of locating youth-oriented amenities near one another to support varied activities within a shared area. The wooded upland area adjacent to the soccer field and proposed pocket playground, outside the wetland, provides an opportunity to locate a pump track without overlapping uses or impacting sensitive habitat.

A potential pump track location is shown for Moose Meadow Park; however, this master plan also identifies three additional potential locations: one near the proposed Glacier Creek Park campground, one at Lions Club Park and one near the Nordic 5K loop. A summary of pump track options and next steps is provided in the Implementation section.

POTENTIAL LAND SWAP

The current trails around Moose Meadow include trails that cross onto airport property. In order to keep these trails and trail connections public and accessible, Girdwood Parks and Recreation should work with DOT to examine the potential for public access easements or a land swap in order to secure access and connectivity to trail systems in this area.

Park Reserve Greenbelts

The Park Reserve Greenbelts are a series of undeveloped parcels, many of which overlap drainage corridors and utility easements that primarily weave through the Alyeska Basin neighborhood, with a few parcels located north of the Alyeska Highway. In the 1985 Turnagain Arm Park Plan, these areas were referred to as the “Alyeska Basin Footpaths” and envisioned as locations for informal walking trails.

Potential trail connections within these greenbelts were more recently evaluated through the 2024 Girdwood Trails Plan and ultimately did not recommend new trails in these corridors. Because trail opportunities were already thoroughly explored through that process, this Park Plan does not revisit or duplicate the trail analysis.

During community outreach for this Park Plan, residents expressed interest in the possibility of using the Park Reserve Greenbelts for trails, boardwalks, small viewing areas, or a pocket park. While these ideas were thoughtfully considered, the parcels’ conditions and environmental constraints limit their suitability for park amenities or development.

As a result, this Plan does not propose new trails or park facilities within the Park Reserve Greenbelts. These areas continue to function as important open space, drainage, and utility corridors. Future planning efforts or partnerships may choose to re-explore limited, site-specific opportunities, but they are not identified as a priority or recommended action within this Plan.



Glacier Creek Park

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

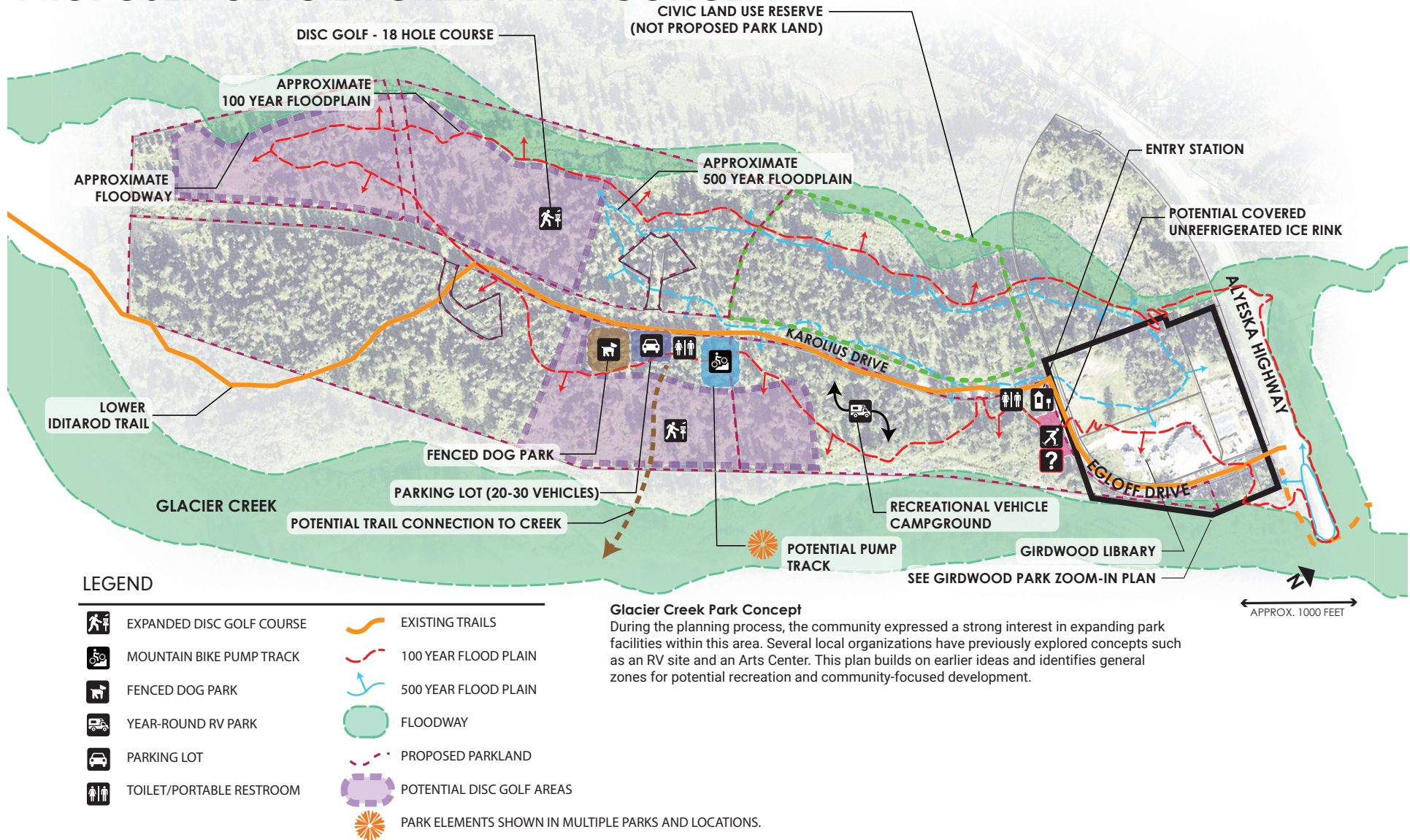
During the planning process, the community expressed an interest in expanding park facilities within HLB Parcels 6-076, 6-149, 6-166, 6-205, and 6-134. These parcels, with the exception of 6-076, are shown as proposed parkland in this Plan, as “Glacier Creek Park.” A portion of parcel 6-076 has development plans for an Arts and Recreation District project through other Girdwood community organizations; therefore, 6-076 has been labeled for community use. The possibility of developing an RV park on HLB Parcel 6-134 has also been explored by community groups. The recommendations for the parcels making up the Glacier Creek Park site take the community-led developments into consideration as a part of this recreation and community-focused development. The proposed layouts are schematic and may change when more in-depth analysis and project planning take place. See page 66 in the implementation section for specific HLB parcel information and actions.

YEAR-ROUND CAMPGROUND

A year-round RV campground is shown as a part of the proposed design. In 2025, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution of Support (Resolution 2025-08) for the transfer of Parcel 6-134 to Girdwood Parks and Recreation. Part of this resolution calls for a feasibility study, in part for the development of an RV Park. Some community members suggest that an RV park could help support a seasonal workforce; others feel concerned about long-term camping in this area, though MOA regulations state that campers are only allowed to stay for 7 days at one campsite, and only 14 days consecutively at combined campsites. The exact layout, number of sites, and specific boundaries would be determined during future design phases. Previous community efforts have sited the RV Park on this parcel; however, this area conflicts with the 500-year and 100-year floodplains. Any development here should therefore include thorough consultation with qualified hydrologists to ensure that this area is suitable and designed for campground use near or within the flood zones.



PROPOSED GLACIER CREEK PARK CONCEPT PZC SUBMITALL APRIL 2026



Map 12: Proposed Glacier Creek Park

Part of the campground design would include an entry station for check-ins, with bathrooms, showers, water hookups, and RV waste disposal. The station is envisioned near the southeast corner of Egloff Drive and Karolius Drive. Individual campsites should be served by electrical hookups and have fire pits along Glacier Creek.

If a new year-round campground is developed on Parcel 6-134, the existing tent campground would be removed and restored to a natural area. Tent camping would instead be accommodated within the new campground, with designated tent sites that include adjacent parking. This approach would consolidate camping in one location, improve access for tent campers who prefer parking near their site, and allow portions of the current campground area to return to natural conditions. Repurposing the existing campground area may also create opportunities to reconsider the future use of the Nissman Pavilion area.

PARKING LOT (20-30 VEHICLES)

A parking lot accommodating approximately 30-40 vehicles is proposed between the fenced dog park and the mountain bike pump track, accessed from Karolius Drive. Amenities should be consistent with those identified in the recently adopted Trails Plan, such as a kiosk, signage, and sanitation.

FENCED DOG PARK

A fenced dog park is proposed to provide a safe off-leash area for dogs and their owners. Dog waste stations should be included. The area is expected to retain mature trees while brushing out the understory to maintain visibility and safe sight lines.

RELOCATED DISC GOLF COURSE

The existing disc golf course is proposed for relocation to the east and southwest of Karolis Drive and re-established as an 18-hole course. Adequate buffers should be maintained between course features, adjacent private





parcels, and future amenities. Collaboration with the local disc golf community will be important for layout development, course design, and identifying potential funding sources.

POTENTIAL PUMP TRACK LOCATION

A mountain bike pump track is identified as a potential recreational amenity near the proposed campground area. A pump track has been consistently raised as a desired facility during public engagement and would serve both the Girdwood community and campground users.

The pump track could include multiple loop options designed for a range of skill levels, from beginner to intermediate riders. Locating the facility near the campground may support use by families and visitors while still functioning as a community-serving amenity.

The pump track is shown conceptually, as its final location has not yet been determined. Other parks and park lands in Girdwood are also being considered as potential pump track locations (see the implementation section). If this location is ultimately not selected for a pump track, the area could instead provide additional space for disc golf or other compatible park uses.

POTENTIAL COVERED UNREFRIGERATED ICE RINK

A potential location for a covered, unrefrigerated ice rink is shown along the edge of the proposed Glacier Creek Park, near the existing ballfields at Girdwood Park. This location was identified based on available space, access to parking, and proximity to water infrastructure.

The ice rink is shown as a long-term opportunity to support hockey and other ice-based activities in Girdwood. This facility is conceptual and would be dependent on future partnerships, funding, and operational considerations.

Alyeska Resort has identified a potential ice hockey rink as part of its planned resort expansion. As those plans advance, Girdwood Parks and Recreation should coordinate with Alyeska Resort to avoid duplication of facilities. If an ice rink is developed by the resort, a separate rink at Glacier Creek Park may not be necessary. Future Park Land.

Future Park Land

OVERVIEW

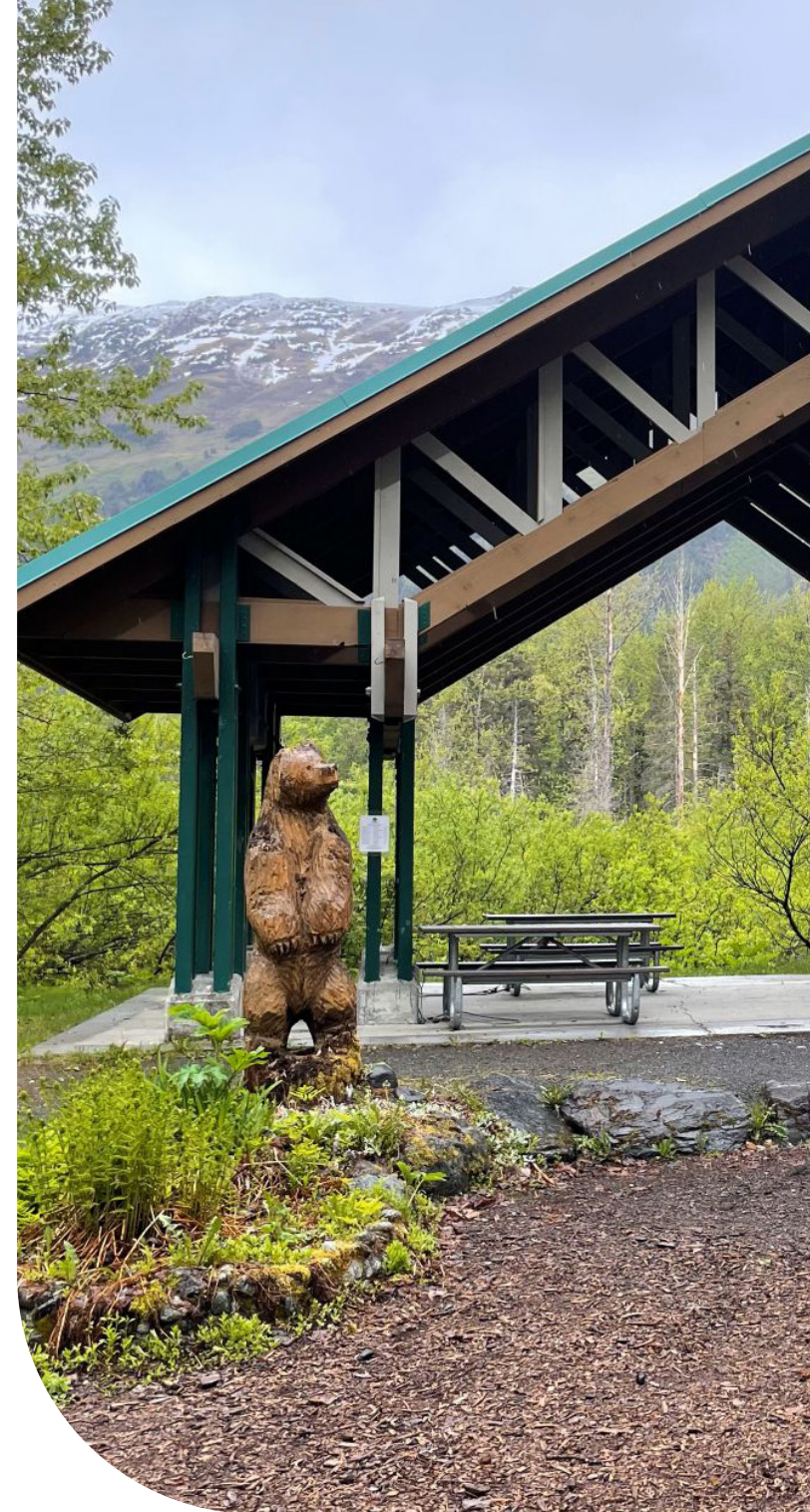
This section identifies lands that could support future parks or recreation facilities. These opportunities fall into three general categories: specific park sites, future residential growth areas, and partner-led or agency-driven projects. In some cases, no specific park facilities are proposed at this time; instead, this plan highlights where future coordination, land transfers, or development decisions could create meaningful recreation benefits for the community.

Girdwood Parks and Recreation is open to expanding park land in Girdwood. If private landowners have property that they are interested in preserving as park land, they may collaborate with Girdwood Parks and Recreation or local non-profit land organizations to explore opportunities to expand Girdwood's park system.

SPECIFIC PARK SITE

Nordic 5K and Mountain Bike Trail Area with Pump Tracks





















The existing Nordic 5K loop and mountain bike trail areas, present an opportunity for improved coordination and long-term management. Community members and trail groups noted that trail projects in these areas are subject to Heritage Land Bank's review and approval process, which involves additional public review processes and surveying requirements compared to procedures typically used for other municipal park projects. This plan recommends exploring management options with HLB to better align trail development, permitting, maintenance, and funding with Girdwood Parks and Recreation. A clearer management structure could also support continued collaboration with nonprofit partners that build and maintain these trails. See page 65 in the implementation section for specific HLB information and actions.

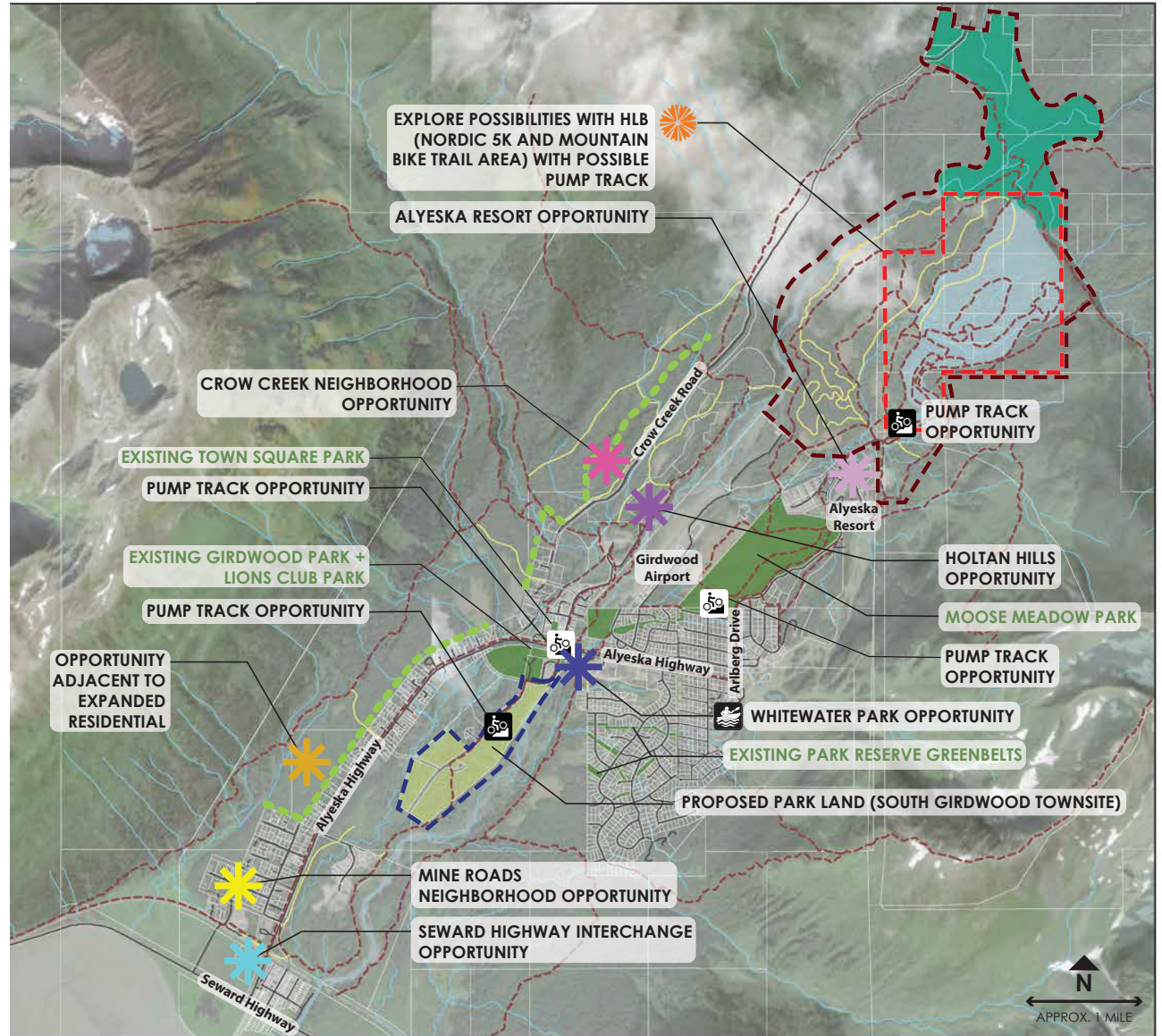


PROPOSED: FUTURE PARK LAND

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LEGEND

-  PROPOSED FUTURE PARK PARCELS
 -  EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES WITH HLB
 -  FUTURE PARKLAND GOAL
 -  EXISTING PARKS
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 -  MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK (AS IDENTIFIED IN THE GIRWOOD TRAILS PLAN)
 -  EXISTING TRAILS
 -  PROPOSED TRAIL (AS IDENTIFIED IN THE GIRWOOD TRAILS PLAN)
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 -  PARK ELEMENTS SHOWN IN MULTIPLE PARKS AND LOCATIONS
 -  POTENTIAL PUMP TRACK LOCATION (IN EXISTING PARK LAND)
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- ### OPPORTUNITY ZONES
-  CROW CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY
 -  OPPORTUNITY ADJACENT TO EXPANDED RESIDENTIAL
 -  HOLTAN HILLS OPPORTUNITY
 -  MINE ROADS NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY
 -  SEWARD HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE OPPORTUNITY
 -  ALYESKA RESORT OPPORTUNITY
 -  WHITewater PARK OPPORTUNITY



Map 12: Proposed Future Park Land

This area may also be suitable for a pump track, which could provide a skills-building and practice space that complements the existing and proposed mountain bike trail system. If pursued, pump track design should include features appropriate for both young children and experienced riders.

MIDDLE AND UPPER MEADOWS

The land that surrounds the Nordic 5K and mountain bike trail area, as identified on the Future Park Land Map, is comprised of highly valued recreation land with trails, natural vegetation, and meadows. Similar to what is noted above, regarding the Nordic 5K and mountain bike areas, the community is interested in this area being preserved as park land for continued park and trail uses.

GLACIER CREEK PARCELS

As identified in the Glacier Creek Park section above, this plan recommends exploring the transfer of HLB Parcels 6-134, 6-205, 6-149, and 6-166 into Girdwood Parks & Recreation management to support long-term community recreation needs. These parcels could accommodate future facilities such as an RV park, disc golf course, dog park, or additional trail-related amenities. Any future development would require further analysis and community input.

Future Residential Growth Areas

DESCRIPTION

The 1985 Plan describes planning for neighborhood parks as a part of new residential developments. These parks are outlined as being 5-10 acres, with amenities like play areas, stands of trees, open grassy areas, and picnic areas. This Plan also proposes including neighborhood public parks in new residential developments to provide walkable parks for residents. An amendment to AMC Title 21 – Land Use Planning should be discussed with the Girdwood Community and Municipal staff to determine if this desire should be codified within Girdwood’s Subdivision regulations.





CROW CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY

The Crow Creek Neighborhood Land Use Plan (2006) and the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan both identify this area for future residential development. As subdivision and platting occur, developers and landowners are encouraged to consider incorporating small pocket playgrounds to improve walkable access to play spaces for nearby families.

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

The future residential area, west of Alyeska Highway and east of Beaver Pond Trail, is identified in the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan as a residential expansion zone. Should development proceed, the community and project partners may want to explore opportunities for pocket playgrounds to ensure close-to-home recreation options for future residents

HOLTAN HILLS OPPORTUNITY

Housing is planned for the area north of the existing elementary school, this area is referred to as Holtan Hills. The community expressed interest in supportive park features between the elementary school and the new housing development. Park features should not duplicate school elements, but compliment both passive and active recreation opportunities. This would be a portion of the 6-011C HLB parcel in the zone indicated on the map.

EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES

The Alyeska Basin neighborhood, located south of Alyeska Highway and east of Glacier Creek, does not currently have a playground within walking distance. Community members expressed interest in a small pocket park that would provide a convenient, neighborhood-scale gathering and play space for residents.

Much of the undeveloped land in this area is privately owned, and the Park Reserve Greenbelts present size, environmental, and utility constraints that limit their suitability for active park development. However, these constraints do not preclude the possibility of a neighborhood park. Although this Plan does not identify a specific park parcel the Plan recommends a pocket park in Alyeska Basin as a future opportunity.

The “Mine Roads” neighborhood, located west of Alyeska Highway and south of Ruane Road is also without a playground within walking distance. Community members expressed interest in a neighborhood park in this area. As with Alyeska Basin, much of this land is privately owned. If there is an opportunity for Parks & Recreation to work with a private landowner or to pursue a land swap with DOT, a small pocket park is desired in this neighborhood.

Partner-Led or Agency-Driven Projects

DOT OPPORTUNITY

The Alaska Department of Transportation has identified long-term transportation improvements at the intersection of the Seward Highway and Alyeska Highway. As these improvements advance, there may be opportunities to incorporate a small park or rest area that supports visitors traveling through the corridor and serves nearby businesses. Features such as picnic shelters, seating, or other general park amenities could enhance the area and provide a welcoming space for residents and travelers alike.

ALYESKA RESORT OPPORTUNITY

Alyeska Resort has identified housing as a component of its Master Plan. As these improvements progress, developers should consider opportunities to incorporate a small pocket park that supports employee uses and/or playground to serve the additional residents who will result from new developments.



WHITEWATER PARK OPPORTUNITY

The public expressed interest in a whitewater park along Glacier Creek, near the existing bridge. This use is designated as a potential new facility within the creek. Thorough analysis would need to account for the dynamic movement of Glacier Creek, the final siting of any potential whitewater park would depend on future hydrologic analysis findings, the location shown on the map is preliminary and could change.

EXISTING & POTENTIAL FUTURE PARKS & RECREATION LAND AREAS IN GIRDWOOD

Existing Parks & Recreation Land	~ 140 acres
Proposed Glacier Creek Park	~ 80 acres
Potential Neighborhood Pocket Parks	~ 5-10 acres
Potential Nordic 5k & Mtn Bike Park Area	~ 360 acres
Potential Upper Meadows Area	~ 380 (in addition to Nordic 5k & Mtn Bike Park Area)



IMPLEMENTATION

This chapter outlines how the recommendations in this Plan can be implemented over time. While earlier sections describe the envisioned park improvements and future park opportunities, and why they matter, this chapter focuses on roles, responsibilities, coordination, and next steps.

Implementation will occur incrementally and will depend on funding availability, partnerships, permitting, and future decision-making. Not all actions are expected to occur at once, and some recommendations are intentionally flexible to allow the community to respond to changing conditions and opportunities.

Improvements and Additions to Existing Parks

Improvements and additions within existing municipal park land should be implemented as maintenance and capital projects led by, or in close partnership with, Girdwood Parks and Recreation and relevant user groups; especially when considering specialized recreation facilities such as a pump track, skatepark, disc golf course, pickleball court, ice rink, or similar amenities. These projects may include new facilities, or upgrades to existing amenities identified in this Plan.

These projects can be implemented using a variety of funding strategies as well as volunteer. Funding opportunities are discussed more in the Funding section, page 71. Volunteerism is a well-established and highly valued component of park development in Girdwood. Community members frequently cited the volunteer-led construction of the existing playground as an example of successful collaboration. Continued support for volunteer participation can help strengthen community ownership.



Future Park Land

EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES WITH HLB (NORDIC 5K AND MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS) + PUMP TRACK OPTION

Community interest supports expansion of trail opportunities and potential development of a pump track near the existing Nordic 5K and mountain bike trail system. This area is public municipal land managed by Heritage Land Bank (HLB).

Local trail organizations are interested in developing more trails in this area, as is aligned with the Girdwood Trails Plan; however, the current approval process through HLB to develop trails involves more public involvement and surveying requirements that would not be typical for trail projects on other municipal lands.

The community has also identified the area beyond the Nordic 5K and existing mountain bike trails as a long-term park land opportunity as identified on the Future Park Land Map. MOA does not currently hold clear title to the land and would need to acquire it from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) through the State of Alaska. This process could take several years, and until it is complete this area must stay in HLB's inventory. However, one potential long-term goal could be for Girdwood Parks and Recreation to hold management authority of this area in whole and in part through an Inter Governmental Permit (IGP). This would allow Girdwood Parks and Recreation to oversee these lands for future municipal park and trail development in partnership with local trail groups, however certain development or use would still require a more rigorous public process through HLB.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS:

- ❖ Explore avenues for management agreements, permits, or easements with HLB to allow for streamlined recreation development by Parks and Recreation.
- ❖ Evaluate long-term feasibility of land transfer to municipal park ownership as a future objective with HLB.





Glacier Creek Park

This Plan recommends transfer of HLB Parcels 6-134, a portion of 6-149, 6-166, and 6-205 into municipal park land to support long-term recreation needs. These parcels are zoned GCR-1 and GC-5, per Title 21, Chapter 9 an Area Master Plan and Development Master Plan may be required in these zones prior to development of these parcels.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS:

- ❖ Coordinate with HLB to request transfer of these parcels out of HLB inventory. 6-134 is mentioned in the 2026 HLB Work Plan as a parcel that HLB is expecting to receive a transfer request for. 6-149 is only proposed as partially park land, so would need to be subdivided.
- ❖ Pursue designation of transferred parcels as municipal park land under Parks and Recreation management.
- ❖ Work with the MOA Planning Department to determine Area Master Plan and Development Master Plan requirements.

Residential Expansion Opportunities

Future residential development in the Crow Creek area or western lower valley should include park land dedication to ensure walkable access to recreation facilities.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS:

- ❖ Coordinate with the Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department to develop a Title 21 implementation measure requiring park space and/or playground facilities as part of new neighborhood development.
- ❖ Establish standards for minimum park acreage, facility type, and accessibility based on neighborhood scale.

Existing Residential Opportunities

Current residential developments in Girdwood that do not have a park within a ¼ mile would benefit from neighborhood pocket parks.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS:

- ❖ Pursue opportunities for additional parkland or a park development on parkland in a neighborhoods that lack a nearby park or playground.
- ❖ Within the “Mine Roads” neighborhood, there are parcels currently owned by DOT. Girdwood Parks and Recreation could explore the opportunity to engage in discussions with DOT to determine whether a potential land swap might be feasible, with the goal of using a portion of the area for a neighborhood park.

DOT Opportunity

The Alaska Department of Transportation has identified long-term transportation improvements at the Seward Highway and Alyeska Highway intersection. This project may provide an opportunity to incorporate a small public rest area or park space serving corridor users and adjacent commercial areas.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS:

- ❖ Coordinate with DOT during project development to advocate for inclusion of public park or rest area amenities.
- ❖ Identify potential park configurations and maintenance responsibilities as part of project scoping.





Alyeska Resort Opportunity

Future resort housing development may provide opportunities to establish public recreation or park land that supports residents and employees.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS:

- ❖ Coordinate with Alyeska Resort during housing planning efforts to identify opportunities for public park land dedication or shared-use recreation amenities.
- ❖ Pursue agreements that ensure long-term public access and maintenance responsibilities.

Whitewater Park Opportunity

Public outreach identified interest in the development of a whitewater park along Glacier Creek near the existing bridge. Feasibility is dependent on creek dynamics, channel stability, and long-term maintenance considerations.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS:

- ❖ Conduct feasibility evaluation, including engineering analysis, safety review, and environmental assessment.
- ❖ Evaluate channel movement and long-term site viability to determine whether a permanent facility is appropriate.
- ❖ If feasible, pursue design development and funding strategies for implementation.



Other Proposed Facilities

Community Center + Pool

Throughout the planning and outreach process, the community expressed strong interest in a community center and other covered recreation facilities. A swimming pool was identified as the second-highest priority recreation facility in the community survey.

Non-governmental organizations have explored models under which they could sustainably operate in Girdwood. However, given the community size and the cost of development, it is currently unclear whether this is feasible.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS:

- ❖ Continue to work with potential partner organizations and Alyeska Resort to navigate potential future opportunities for a recreation facility in Girdwood.

Ice Rink

A covered ice rink is identified as a proposed facility in this Plan. However, the Alyeska Master Plan also identifies potential plans for a covered ice rink. Given the size of the community, Girdwood likely cannot support two covered ice rinks.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS:

- ❖ Coordinate with Alyeska Resort to confirm whether the resort intends to pursue an ice rink before moving forward with development of a rink on municipal park land.

Pump Track

The community expressed a strong interest in the development of a pump track. This Plan identifies multiple potential locations for such a facility, each option provides a different kind of experience and space for a pump track. An asphalt pump track was also specifically mentioned as a desired facility. The final pump track location is to be determined by the community via local process at a later date, these proposed locations are a guide. The surfacing, type, size, and location would be studied through local process. There is more information on each potential pump track in the recommendations section. Below is an overview of the various potential locations for a pump track:

GIRDWOOD PARK + LIONS CLUB PARK:

- ❖ One potential pump track location is on the north end of Lions Club Park. This area is somewhat limited in space, so the pump track at this location would be best for beginner terrain and would be small in scale.

MOOSE MEADOW PARK:

- ❖ This location could provide a children's bike pump track, which is a facility desired by the community. This area provides an opportunity away from Girdwood Park, but still next to other park facilities for children. Design should not impact sensitive habitat.

GLACIER CREEK PARK:

- ❖ There is more space at this location to provide a larger and more varied pump track experience. If the RV Park is developed in this area, this location could be a popular spot for campground visitors. If this area is not developed with campground and other amenities, it may be too secluded for a pump track to be safe.

FUTURE PARK LAND – NORDIC 5K & MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL AREA:

- ❖ This area would provide a great opportunity for a pump track because of its proximity to mountain bike trails. If designed, this area should provide terrain for children and more experienced riders.



IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS:

- ❖ Evaluate proposed sites for access, terrain suitability, and compatibility with surrounding land uses.
- ❖ Coordinate with user groups to confirm facility needs and support fundraising.
- ❖ Pursue design development consistent with safety and recreation facility standards.

Staffing

Girdwood Valley Service Area currently has two full-time year-round staff and hires two full-time summer seasonal Parks and Recreation staff members. This staffing level limits the department's ability to maintain existing park infrastructure and facilities. Adding staff is an identified goal of the department and will become increasingly important if additional parkland or facilities are developed.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

- ❖ Work with GBOS and the budgeting process to add year-round, full-time maintenance staff for parks, road and trails.

Funding Opportunities

Community survey results show strong support for multiple funding approaches to advance park improvements. Respondents expressed the highest levels of support for volunteering, community-led fundraising, and municipal bonds dedicated to Girdwood parks. A majority of respondents also indicated support for a visitor-paid tax, such as a bed tax or recreation tax, while increased facility rental fees received lower overall support. Overall, the survey indicates a preference for public investment and community participation over reliance on user fees.





IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

- ❖ Work with GBOS and the MOA to explore and advance voter-approved funding tools such as bonds or visitor-based taxes to provide stable long-term funding for park improvements.

Other Design/Management Considerations

Dark Sky Considerations

As new facilities are developed and existing parks are improved, lighting design should align with dark sky principles. Girdwood's setting, long winter nights, and views of the night sky are valued community assets. Park lighting should be limited to where it is necessary for safety and function, and designed to minimize light spill, glare, and skyglow. Applying dark sky standards will help maintain Girdwood's rural character, protect wildlife habitat, reduce energy use, and preserve nighttime visibility for residents and visitors.

Waste Management and Recycling

Waste and recycling systems within parks should align with broader community waste management efforts to ensure consistency, efficiency, and ease of use. Collection frequency, seasonal demand, and long-term maintenance capacity should be considered during project planning, with coordination between Solid Waste Services and community partners to streamline operations and support education around waste reduction. A clear and consistent strategy will help maintain clean park spaces, protect natural resources, and reinforce stewardship across the park system.

Appendix

Appendix

- 1. Advisory Committee Summary #1**
- 2. Advisory Committee Summary #2**
- 3. Advisory Committee Summary #3**
- 4. Public Workshop Summary #1**
- 5. Public Workshop Summary #2**
- 6. Community Survey Results**



Meeting: Girdwood Parks Master Plan Advisory Group (GPMP-AG) Meeting #1

Date and Time: June 10, 2025, 6 pm – 8pm

Location: Girdwood Library - Community Room

Topic: Park Master Plan Kickoff – What is Working, Not Working, Opportunities

Attendees:

- Kyle Kelley – Girdwood Parks and Recreation,
- Bri Kiefer – Huddle AK
- Peyton Johnson – Huddle AK
- Brian Burnett – GBOS Parks Supervisor
- Beks Rumley – FVCS & Pickleball
- Aaron Gates – Skatepark
- Krystal Hoke – GLT & Sunday Market
- Karen Zaccaro – Forest Fair
- Deb Essex – Nordic Club
- Bud Dow – Lions Club
- Patty Hamre – Member-at-large

Presentation Summary: On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, the first meeting of the Girdwood Parks Master Plan Advisory Group was held with Girdwood Parks and Recreation and Huddle, the consultant firm leading the master plan development. The Advisory Group consists of community members who represent various recreation groups, as well as members-at-large.

The kickoff meeting introduced the project team, reviewed the planning process and timeline, and initiated collaborative visioning. Huddle presented an overview of the Master Plan purpose, outlined key milestones, and summarized current park conditions. The group then discussed each park included in the plan, identifying successes, challenges, and opportunities for improvement. The session concluded with a shared visioning exercise focused on the future of Girdwood’s park system.



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Comments Summary Table

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Park System as a Whole	
Park System as a Whole	What is Working
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parks are geared toward residents' recreation needs (as opposed to the resort and other rec features in town that may cater more towards visitors). • Parks provide access to stream edges. • Parks provide wild plant life. • Diverse user groups • Ability to walk a 5 minute trail from developed park - Forest Fair Park, Soccer Field, Townsquare, Lions • The parks are well used (there's no lonely parks/playgrounds not being used by the community). • The parks fit the character of the community (peace signs built into the playground structure, skate park and disc golf match community interests, etc.). • Family friendly • Quiet spaces found near active areas • All connected by trails • Dedicated staff and volunteer engagement • Everything is connected by bike trails • I love the way so many parks are scattered around our little valley
Park System as a Whole	What is Not Working
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everything is centrally located at town center - which is great mostly, but can make them inaccessible for younger kids to visit without parents. Since town center is away from most residential areas kids have to negotiate Alyeska Highway, and travel what can be a significant distance for little legs. • A lot of recreation is dependent on the resort (ski hill, bike park, pool, etc). • Lack of clearly marked river beach access



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frisbee golf course is temporary and doesn't make much sense, flow wise. • Need more dedicated staff • Built environment takes maintenance - moving benches in winter is a consideration • Lack of parking at parks and trailheads • There's no real indoor space. There's a couple of pavilions, but not enough to really play. This can make our many rainy days challenging to stay active, especially outside of ski season. • Funding for staff for maintenance • Lack of covered spaces or facilities (it rains a lot) • Need connector between long trail and town above Glacier Creek • Need better signage • Need better bathroom access • There are other user groups to accommodate • Too many residents don't know about our parks – Where? What's available?
<p>Park System as a Whole</p>	<p>Opportunities</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog park • Rec center • Gym is unused all summer – could be a great resource, but no summer janitorial staff prevents use. • Greenhouse • Winter use playground, lighting, ice skating • Pump track • Smaller parks/playgrounds in what space is available within neighborhoods. • An indoor space to play. Ideally a rec center, but maybe a larger outside covered area like at the Whittier School. Maybe there could be a dual purpose covered basketball court and play area in the summer converted to an outdoor skating rink in the winter? • Some sort of dry field. Either add fill to Moose Meadows field, or create additional space behind the baseball field, or maybe artificial turf?



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timberline Pocket Park • Art in the park or art park temporary or permanent installations • Developed kid fishing spot • South townsite - RV Park • Add pickleball courts – they currently run 4 courts and there is a waiting list • Smaller mini gardens dispersed with other parks • Community garden is at church, a public option would be great • Glacier Creek Water Park • Winter snowboard rail park • More MTB/bike trails/pump track, jumps • Access to mountains • Climbing wall • Covered benches – like Cordova • North/South artery trail system
<p>Girdwood Park</p>	
<p>Girdwood Park</p>	<p>What is Working</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family friendly and accessible • Skatepark = great place for kids • Kids stage • FVCS Summer Programs • Ball field • Amount of amenities • Central location • Everything is close together, can send kids here and they can move through activities independently • Central locations, tons of variety, all family spots
<p>Girdwood Park</p>	<p>What is Not Working</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding risk to infrastructure, flood easily • Court and skatepark aren't useable in rain • Skatepark and playground conflicts with little kids entering skatepark • Frisbee golf can be dangerous to kids and families using same space



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May need to be rerouted ● Need more covered facilities for park maintenance ● Tent sites only 40-50% used ● Ball field proximity to cars poses some issues ● Visibility of playground is not good for little ones ● Tour bus conflict - pavilions/lions club day use ● Lots of conflict with camper vans parking places
Girdwood Park	Opportunities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Possible bridge access across California Creek (the unpredictable nature of the stream can be an issue for bridge development – could add to high costs). ● Marlow pavilion – would be nice to see a public music venue that is not connected to resort or bar. ● Expand functionality at pavilion ● More camping and RV spaces are needed. ● Cement skatepark ● Bike trails expanded ● Exercise equipment ● Little Bears moving to resort – that facility could be used for Park Maintenance.
Lions Club Park	
Lions Club Park	What is Working
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Great lunch spot ● Easy river access on hot days ● Family focus
Lions Club Park	What is Not Working
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Needs to be better publicized
Lions Club Park	Opportunities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Could expand on parking here ● Potential water trailhead, packraft pullout ● Pickleball courts -could be added in southern parcel ● New pavilion is planned
Town Square Park	



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Town Square Park	What is Working
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Super cool • Community • Year-round • Farmers market • Iconic elements • Artery • Planting weekend and cleanup central events
Town Square Park	What is Not Working
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of power • It is unknown – needs signage to lead people there, maybe archways • Lack of visibility • Plantings have died • Under used despite central location
Town Square Park	Opportunities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More cultural/entertainment space • Add “annex” to town square – lot between Chair 5 and Health Clinic • Historic displays • Memorial walk • Could be great spot for scooters/littler kids (not in skate park or on courts) • Holiday community tree • Historic park – signage, water wagon, hand tram • Covered space for music events, even acoustic
Moose Meadow Park	
Moose Meadow	What is Working
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Views, beauty • Winter use • Dog friendly Nordic • All the different trails • Summer soccer program for the community • Winter groom multiuse



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Moose Meadow	What is Not Working
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The soccer field (and field at the school) can be really soggy, making sports challenging. • Have to cancel soccer practice - too soggy • Some people use soccer field as dog park • Lack ways to view in summer • Climate change • Parking • Underdeveloped
Moose Meadow	Opportunities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small boardwalk with viewing area on the edge of Moose Meadows wetland area would be cool. • Boardwalks - view from south end is beautiful <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boardwalk may impact winter trails ○ Wetland is environmentally sensitive - trails should not be built here • Floating trails are best for wetlands, but very expensive • Trails may not be sustainable - viewpoint may be possible to look into the meadow from perimeter • Parking expansion • Multi-sport playing field, turf field • Pocket playground
Park Reserve Greenbelts	
Park Reserve Greenbelts	What is Working
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preservation of nature • Great little cut through trails • Mushrooms • Potential to connect neighborhood with trails
Park Reserve Greenbelts	What is Not Working
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not widely understood as community asset • Concerns over development of trails near residential (this was discussed during the trails plan and may not need to be rehashed). • Don't even know where they are



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to build trails
Park Reserve Greenbelts	Opportunities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibly more Deb’s Way style trails in greenbelts within neighborhoods that can allow for safer off-road travel for kids between neighborhood amenities. • Alternative transportation route that keeps folks off timberline
Vision – Girdwood Parks in 10 Years	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year Round • Community Connector • Iconic • Creative, active, multigenerational • Accessible for families • Connected • Develop north south artery trail with spurs

Other Discussion Points:

- Funding options – how to generate revenue
 - Explore potential to allocate a portion of the bed tax to Girdwood parks
 - Seek grants through Anchorage Park Foundation
 - Consider community fundraising
- Parks and Recreation needs a better indoor facility for maintenance staff/operations
- Discussion of a possible art center and how that could relate to park spaces and programming
- There is conflict with tour buses and kids programming for the use of picnic areas
- RV Park could provide housing for seasonal workers
- Discussed concrete skatepark
- Discussed asphalt pump track



Meeting: Girdwood Parks Master Plan Advisory Group (GPMP-AG) Meeting #2

Date and Time: November 19, 2025, 6 pm – 7:45pm

Location: Girdwood Library - Community Room & Virtual

Topic: Review Draft Park Concepts

Attendees:

- Kyle Kelley – Girdwood Parks and Recreation
- Margaret Tyler – Girdwood Parks and Recreation
- Bri Keifer – Huddle AK
- Peyton Johnson – Huddle AK
- Brian Burnett – GBOS Parks Supervisor
- Krystal Hoke – GLT & Sunday Market
- Deb Essex – Nordic Club
- Bud Dow – Lions Club
- Will Brennan – Member-at-large

Presentation Summary: On Wednesday, November 19, 2025, the second meeting of the Girdwood Parks Master Plan Advisory Group was held with Girdwood Parks and Recreation and Huddle, the consultant firm leading the master plan development. The Advisory Group consists of community members who represent various recreation groups, as well as members-at-large.

Bri from Huddle started off with a quick overview of the project timeline and then presented the draft Vision Statement and draft Vision and Goals. The response was positive toward the vision statement. Comments on the Vision statement were:

- Like the mention of CONNECTION – try to include it more if possible
- Unique and quirky – good descriptors for Girdwood
- Remove repeated words “meet recreation programming needs” in #4

Bri then presented each schematic for the parks. Responses were generally favorable for the types of facilities proposed. A bulleted list of comments by topic and park area is included below; some of the key comments related to facility locations included:



- Differing opinions on placement of the pump track – there were concerns that locating the pump track by the RV park may be too isolated for children, many suggested keeping it closer to the facilities at Girdwood Park.
 - Explore two pump tracks – a small child friendly one closer to Girdwood Park and then perhaps a more difficult “adult” pump track closer to the mountain bike trails – like Whitehorse.
- Differing opinions on location of the pickleball courts, generally not supportive of the proposed location on Lions Club Park near Alyeska Highway, would prefer closer to Lions Club parking area.
- General support for covered ice rink – but concerns about light pollution at Moose Meadow – which is used for Northern Lights Viewing and would like to be a “dark sky area.”

Things that were not included in the schematics, that the committee voiced interest in seeing were:

- A future white water park
- Power sources in Town Square
- Park Reserve Greenbelts included on maps
- Include the “Vegetative Buffer” from the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan included in Future Park Land Map
- More emphasis on the water access trail at Lions Club Park – a place to dry out packraft gear etc.

Additional comments are outlined below:

Comment Summary

Moose Meadows

- Parking lot should be larger – in winter people parking on street
 - Parking lot would need to be much larger if a covered ice rink was placed here.
 - Look at a loop parking lot with both entrances off Arlberg, and not using Aspen Mtn. Road.



- Snow storage should be addressed and planned for - show on schematic.
- General support for ice rink in Girdwood – either at Moose Meadow or somewhere else.
 - Ice rinks have lots of lights typically – people take Northern Lights photos at Moose Meadow.
 - Should be designated dark sky area.
 - Ice rink would have a roof which could block light.
 - The ice rink would need water - either hydrant source or bringing in trucks to fill it.
 - Ice rink could be multi-use – in summer could be pickleball/basketball
 - Dry place to go when rainy
- Support for trail connection and boardwalk shown on the draft plan.
- Moving playground further away from parking lot would be nice
 - If ice rink ends up at Moose Meadows it would be nice for the playground to be close to it so that families can use both at the same.

Town Square Park

- Needs power or generators to hold events without relying on other business owners.
 - Power needed by lit tree.
 - Center grass area would be the primary place where power is needed.
 - Look into possibility of pulling power off existing lights in the park.
- Width on Holmgren and utility access limit the size of the entrance/arch feature, but it should still be identified as an entry point to be marked - businesses in that area may be supportive of using their space to create a entry marker.
- Lions Club Park could have a lit Christmas tree if not here.
- Lit tree should not be planted in the lawn – that area is used by Farmer’s Market
- Climbing element should be Trex or concrete - not wood.

Girdwood Park + Lions Club Park

Lions Club

- More emphasis on water access trail at Lions Club Park – place to dry out packraft gear, etc. Could be a community packraft hub.



- Downstream of the bridge could be the whitewater park – more stable at this location than other more dynamic areas of the creek.
- Lions Club Park could have a lit Christmas tree if not at Town Square
- Putting the pickleball court in Lions Club feels like putting it off in a corner
 - Pickleball down closer to Lions Club parking lot would be better.
 - Would be out of place to have pickleball court on the Lions Club corner - could be better suited as an anchor to drive by, not a pickleball court

Parks Maintenance Building

- Could the Park Maintenance building be further back by ball fields? Make the corner where it is currently more of a civic/community spot since the loss of Little Bears.
 - Area already has utilities, it is a nice central location for maintenance staff to access playground/skate park easily.
 - If maintenance building stays there and has flat roof – could the roof be a deck used by park users so they can enjoy sun, have eyes on their children?
 - If park maintenance wasn't located at that corner, I would rather see something more civic in that corner not more recreation courts.
- Support for real bathrooms.

Pump Track/Pickleball/Tennis/Playground/Skatepark/Ice Rink

- Consider putting in a kid's pump track next to the skate park at Girdwood park.
- Corner of Forest Fair park could have a pump track - kitty corner from Skate park (where the 4 is located on Girdwood park map).
 - Would have to work with Forest Fair park to see if they would be open to pump track in the grounds.
- Tennis courts are used – would be used more if covered.
- Locating ice rink at Girdwood park would have benefit of water access and provide double use in summer
 - Nova surface used on tennis courts would not work with ice rink.
 - Would have to be asphalt for ice rink.
- Support for pickleball court next to tennis court.
 - only downside is only room for one court.
- Don't see a need to update the playground as a high priority right now.



- Could certain issues like sightlines be addressed now?
- Rot in playground may necessitate replacement within the decade.
- Would be nice to do a community build playground again.
- Skatepark is a priority – update and expand in phases to add concrete features.
 - Skatepark is very well used - would be nice to expand skatepark and have space for young rambunctious preschool play - right now they like running on the ramps.
 - Add a tame but still skateable area - "the wading pool" for very young children to play out of the way of older skaters.
 - Smaller mini skate features - entry level ramps for toddlers.
 - Adding a concrete bowl feature would be great if possible.

Glacier Creek Area

- Need more trailhead parking for Iditarod trail.

RV Park

- Favor RV park being on East side - closer to Glacier Creek.
- The thinking behind the proposed pump track location is that it would be right at the end of the RV park - like Seward.
 - Committee members recommended alternative pump track locations (as noted above).
- RV park - there is a lot in motion for it to be on the river already a GBOS letter of support and moves to transfer from HLB – makes less sense on other side of road.
- Desire to see fire pit opportunities along river at RV park.

Disc Golf

- Support for putting disc golf into the floodplain.
 - Concept 1 disc golf is taking up a lot of developable land.
- Could make disc golf course smaller.
- Would prefer if disc golf does not cross the road.
- Disc golf is the most popular activity in the park - even at night.
- Putting disc golf in Glacier Creek area removes user conflict, but also takes them away from Girdwood park



Ice Rink

- Of two options shown on the draft concepts, covered ice rink works better by the ball field - closer to utilities and parking
- Some prefer idea of ice rink at Moose Meadow

Pump Track

- Some support for idea of pump track by RV park.
- Target user group of mountain bike pump track is 11 years old, having it way off in the woods could scare parents, don't want kids getting hurt far from help.
 - Better response in emergency if located more centrally.
 - Would prefer pump track closer to playground since target user group is kids.
- Hilltop pump track - for little kids.
 - Maybe there is a little kid pump track and a bid kid/adult pump track –
 - A successful small pump track might incentivize others to build a large pump track near the resort.
- Asphalt pump tracks can be great - maintenance free and can be used in rain/when wet.
- 6-076 - not supportive of that parcel becoming parkland, as that is the only developable portion – at least the area outside of the floodplain should be community use.
 - There is a 7.5 acre section of developable land in 6-076 that should not be parkland.
 - Okay with disc golf wrapping around, could also have disc golf there and then move if someone comes in and develops in that area.
 - The concepts shown around Glacier Creek are meant to be schematic and could move or change.
 - The idea of a community center at 6-076 was mentioned.
- “Art Center” is too specific. Be more vague i.e. “Civic Use Land Reserve”

Future Park Lands

- Add whitewater park to Future Park map
- Above the bridge and in Mine Road area would be a great places for pocket parks



- In regard to wanting the pump track at Girdwood Park, it may be good to consider spreading out park amenities away from town center
 - Skill park by the mountain bike trails - adult pump track so people can practice drops
 - Larger more difficult pump track by Bikewood trails - like in Whitehorse
- There are occasional parcels of land that have been purchased by homeowners but can't build because of wetland - could work with GLT to acquire to use as park
 - Vacant lots that have been vacant forever - could those become park?
 - Do a larger mapping exercise for greenbelts with GIS to see if anything could be developable - would be better for a private entity to pursue than the government to pursue land.
- Add Park Reserve greenbelts to map
 - One way to get future greenbelts would be to promote greenbelt like spaces, we should show them so to keep them in peoples minds.
- Vegetative buffer - could that be added to this map as future parkland?
- Add parcel 6-011 C near Holtan Hills - 6.5 acre parcel on left side of road on way to Holtan Hills zoned GIP north of school
 - Could be a good place to consider a pump track.

GIRDWOOD PARKS MASTER PLAN

ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #2

Location: Girdwood Community Room – Girdwood Community Center,
250 Egloff Drive, Girdwood AK
Will also be hosted virtually

Date: November 19, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

AGENDA DETAILS

I. PROJECT PROCESS OVERVIEW

- a. Recap “Listen & Learn” phase (survey | public meeting #1)
- b. Review overall schedule

II. 6:15 VISION+GOALS EXERCISE

- a. Review draft vision & goal statement

III. 6:30 REVIEW DRAFT CONCEPTS (10-15 MIN EACH)

- a. Moose Meadows
- b. Town Square
- c. Girdwood & Lions Club Park
- d. Glacier Creek Area
- e. Future Park Lands

IV. NEXT STEPS

- a. Public Meeting #2 – December 16th
- b. Draft Plan Jan/Feb 2026



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Vision Statement

Girdwood's parks are a reflection of local identity— places to gather, explore, and play; places to experience community, connection, and the joys of being outside.

Guiding Principles

- **Nature and stewardship** — preserving wetlands, forests, and greenbelts while providing access to wild places.
- **Inclusivity and access** — safe, family-friendly, year-round opportunities for all ages and a variety of activities.
- **Local identity** — parks that reflect Girdwood's unique, quirky, and community-driven spirit (recognized as part of our culture and economy).

Goals

1. Revitalize and replace aging or failing facilities

Invest in repairing, upgrading, and replacing park features so they remain safe, functional, and welcoming—supporting year-round enjoyment and demonstrating long-term stewardship of Girdwood's natural and built assets.

2. Expand and enhance park spaces to reduce conflicts and support diverse recreation

Thoughtfully grow the park system to provide room for different activities, minimize user conflicts, and increase access to nature—ensuring the community can gather, play, and explore in ways that reflect Girdwood's unique character.

3. Activate underutilized community spaces

Transform underused areas into spaces that can host art, culture, gatherings, and playful activities—supporting local identity and fostering everyday community connection.

4. Collaborate with partners to deliver recreation opportunities

Work with local organizations, nonprofits, user groups, and cultural partners to meet recreation programming needs, to meet recreation programming needs efficiently and avoid overlapping efforts.

5. Improve access for today's residents while planning for future community needs

Ensure parks remain accessible, safe, and inclusive for everyone—while proactively preparing for future residential areas, changing recreation trends, and long-term community aspirations.

MOOSE MEADOW PARK

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① Improve the existing soccer field drainage. Shift the field location as needed to accommodate improved trailhead amenities. Soccer field should be sized for a large field running east-west and smaller fields within the same footprint running north-south.

② Add a small playground consisting of 2-3 play equipment pieces. The space should be located in a way that preserves trees and provides sufficient space from the soccer field. Ideally the equipment serves both 2-5 and 5-12 year-old age groups.



③ Improve parking lot with 30-40 parking stalls. New amenities to include park sign, trailhead kiosk, bear-proof trash receptacle, and portable restroom screen. Continue to provide signage about dog regulations and dog waste stations.

④ Explore driveway options as part of the parking lot design. Complete a sight-distance analysis to confirm whether the existing driveway provides sufficient visibility on the curve along Arlberg Avenue. Vegetation within the right-of-way may require additional clearing. Also explore a potential driveway access to the south on Aspen Mountain Road in the area of existing impacts, while avoiding overhead electrical line poles.



⑤ Provide a short walking loop with a trail through the forested area and a boardwalk through the wetland area. Two potential viewing platform location options are indicated; one platform is proposed with the final location to be determined during future design phases.

⑥ Potential location for a covered ice rink for hockey.

TOWN SQUARE PARK

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Outdoor Museum Concept

Community feedback highlighted a desire for a stronger draw to Town Square. The proposal envisions transforming the park into an outdoor museum that celebrates Girdwood’s art, culture, and history.

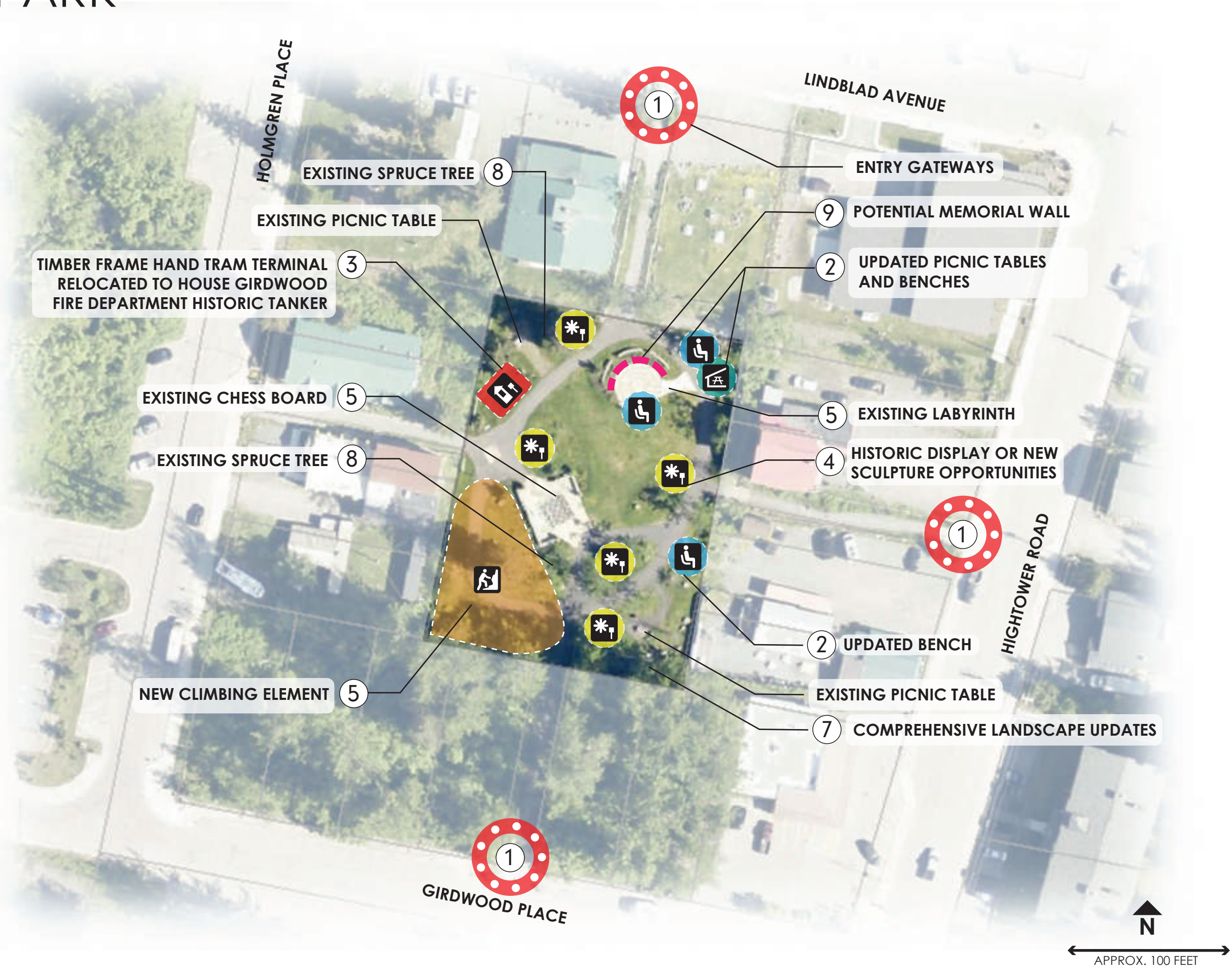
This concept establishes a cohesive framework that unites existing features—such as the interpretive panels, chess board, and labyrinth—by presenting them as part of a broader educational and artistic experience. It also provides direction for integrating future improvements that reflect Girdwood’s unique identity.

Planned enhancements, including new park entry gateways and updated picnic areas, should incorporate local art and craftsmanship. An interactive climbing feature is also proposed, designed to serve as both a sculptural element and an engaging play experience. Historic artifacts, such as the old hand tram structure and the water tanker, could be displayed within the park with simple, consistent museum-style signage at each feature.

Together, these elements would create a welcoming “art and history walk” that attracts visitors and enriches community events.

LEGEND

- # NOTES, SEE ADDITIONAL PAGE
- ① ENTRY FEATURE
- * ARTISTIC OR HISTORIC SCULPTURAL ELEMENT WITH “MUSEUM” SIGNAGE
- ♿ NEW CUSTOM BENCHES
- 🍷 NEW CUSTOM PICNIC TABLE
- 🧗 NEW CLIMBING AREA
- 🏠 RELOCATED HAND TRAM STRUCTURE & OLD WATER TANKER



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- 1 Create New Entry Gateways**

Install gateways at the park's entry points on Girdwood Place, Hightower Road, and Lindblad Avenue. Remove existing planters that interfere with snow plowing and storage. Include gates on Lindblad and Hightower that can be closed during hazardous roof avalanche conditions. Gateways should be designed to reflect the local aesthetic.
- 2 Updated Picnic Table and Benches**

Create a custom covered picnic table replacing the existing one in the northeast corner of the park. Add two interactive bench elements, once near the northeast corner and one replacing the existing bench along the path on the east side of the park. New furnishings should incorporate artistic elements inspired by Girdwood's character—each piece can serve as an artwork in itself.
- 3 Relocate and Preserve Historic Structures**

Timber frame hand tram terminal relocated to the park to house Girdwood Fire Department historic tanker, display with museum-style signage.
- 4 Add Sculptural and Historic Elements**

Additional locations for new sculptural pieces are shown. This offers an opportunity to collaborate with local artists over time, allowing the park to grow and transform with each new addition. Some ideas include a mural board that could act as a fence, weather activated sculptures that move with rain/snow/wind, or jumbo building blocks and other puzzles.
- 5 Maintain and Interpret Existing Features**

Retain the existing chess board and labyrinth, but introduce consistent museum-style signage that provides context and artistic interpretation for each element.
- 6 Add a New Climbing Feature**

Introduce an artistic climbing structure that combines sculptural design with functional play elements. The feature should offer challenges suitable for both young children and experienced adult climbers, integrating into the park's artistic and natural character.
- 7 Comprehensive Landscape Updates**

Conduct a thorough landscape inventory and redesign to address ongoing maintenance challenges and enhance park aesthetics. The redesign should identify and resolve problem areas, improve accessibility, and open key viewsheds within the park. Consider removing or replanting overgrown shrub beds that are difficult to maintain, replacing them with low-maintenance native plantings or lawn areas that complement the park's natural character and improve year-round visibility and safety.
- 8 Winter Lighting Opportunities**

Community members have expressed interest in adding a community tree to be illuminated during the winter season. Town Square offers an excellent opportunity to create seasonal lighting features, transforming the park into a vibrant winter destination. Community organizations and neighboring businesses could collaborate to establish a "light walk" with illuminated art and decorative elements.

Community groups interested in lighting a Town Square tree should explore funding the illumination of existing mature spruce trees (no new trees are proposed as a part of this plan). Any lighting installations or seasonal events should be coordinated with the Parks Department to ensure proper permitting and consistency with park guidelines.
- 9 Potential Memorial Wall**

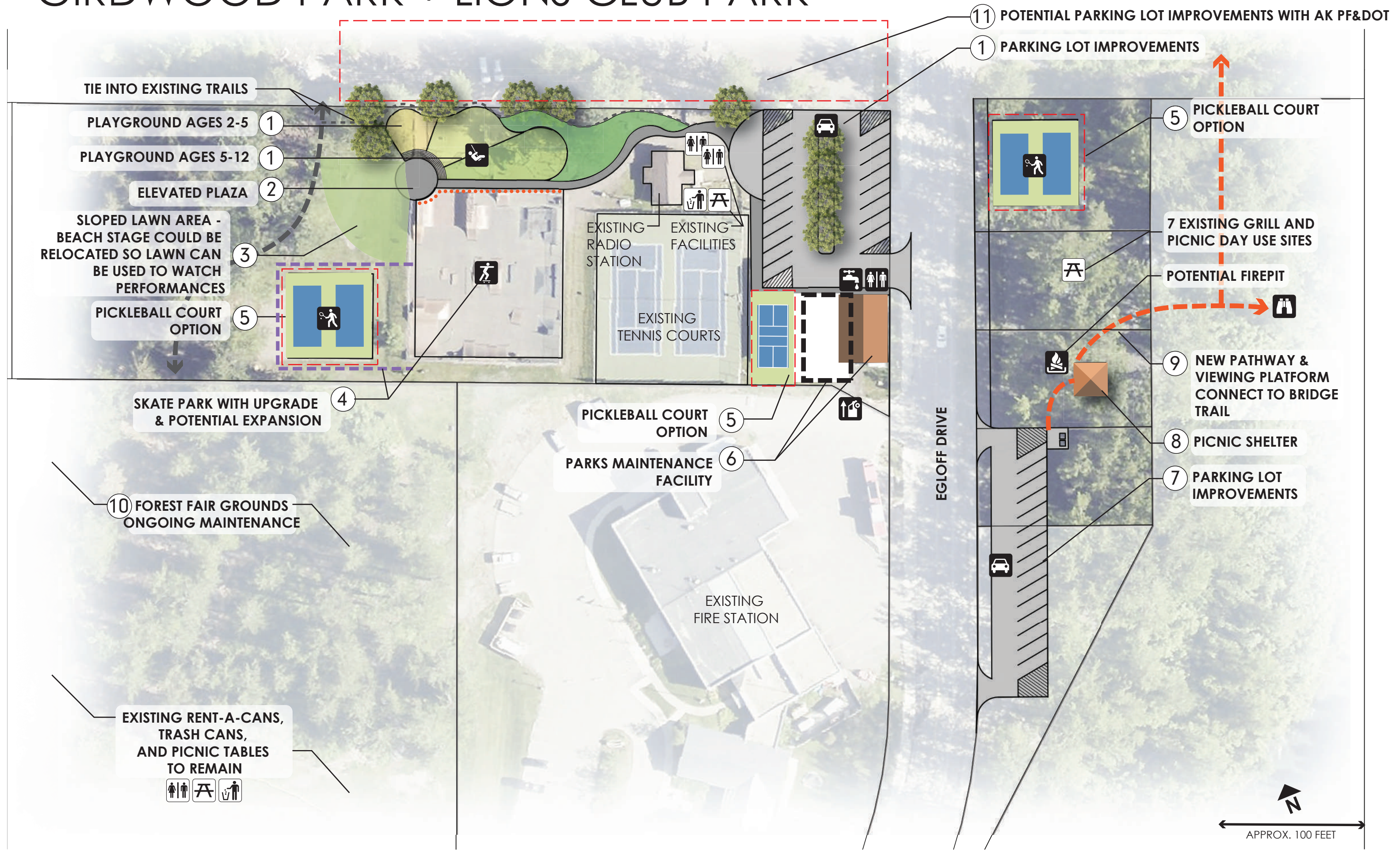
In the event that the Girdwood Cemetery is not constructed, Town Square Park could provide a space for a memorial wall.

TOWN SQUARE PARK

EXAMPLE IMAGES



GIRDWOOD PARK + LIONS CLUB PARK



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- ① **Parking Lot Improvements**
Improve the main parking lot with upgraded drainage, paving, and striping to clearly organize parking and orient visitors. Adjacent amenities to include a park sign, trash receptacle, information kiosk, and a screened area for portable restrooms if year-round facilities are not constructed.
- ② **Playground Improvements**
Upgrade the playground area with new equipment for both 2–5-year-olds and 5–12-year-olds. Play equipment should reflect the character and identity of Girdwood. The community places a high value on community-built play equipment when feasible. Consider natural surfacing materials such as engineered wood fiber.
- ③ **Elevated Plaza**
A central elevated plaza could provide visual oversight of both play areas and the skatepark. Amphitheater-style terraced seating descending toward the playgrounds would offer comfortable areas for parents and caregivers to sit. The grading on the back side of the plaza could form a small hill suitable for children's sledding in winter. If the performance stage is relocated and oriented toward this hill, it would create natural sloped seating and standing space for events.
- ④ **Skatepark with Updated Concrete Features**
Upgrade the existing skate park with new concrete features. Work with the skating community to determine the final feature set and layout. A dashed line indicates an area that could be considered for expansion during design development if additional space is needed.
- ⑤ **Pickleball Court Options**
Three potential locations for new pickleball courts are being considered:

 - **Lions Club Park** - Distributes activity more evenly across the park instead of concentrating courts near existing uses. However, the area is surrounded by mature cottonwood trees that would require removal, and extensive root systems may affect long-term court stability.
 - **Next to the Tennis Courts** - With the planned removal of the Little Bears Building, this location could remediate and activate the area. Challenges include space for only one court and uncertainties related to the final siting of the new Parks Maintenance Building, which may make this option infeasible.
 - **Existing Volleyball Court Area** - Conveniently located near other active uses and provides room for two courts. Cons include the removal of the sand volleyball court and the need to relocate or reorient the performance stage (potentially toward the new sledding hill).
- ⑥ **New Parks & Recreation Maintenance Building**
Construct a new Parks and Recreation Maintenance Building with garage access from the Fire Station parking lot for Parks vehicles. The building program may include optional year-round public restrooms on the north side with access to potable water, and 1–2 offices for maintenance staff.
The proposed location and footprint currently match the "Glacier City Hall" building; however, that footprint does not meet property setback requirements. Further exploration is needed during design. A dashed black box indicates the approximate offset required to meet setbacks, which would make a pickleball court in this location infeasible.

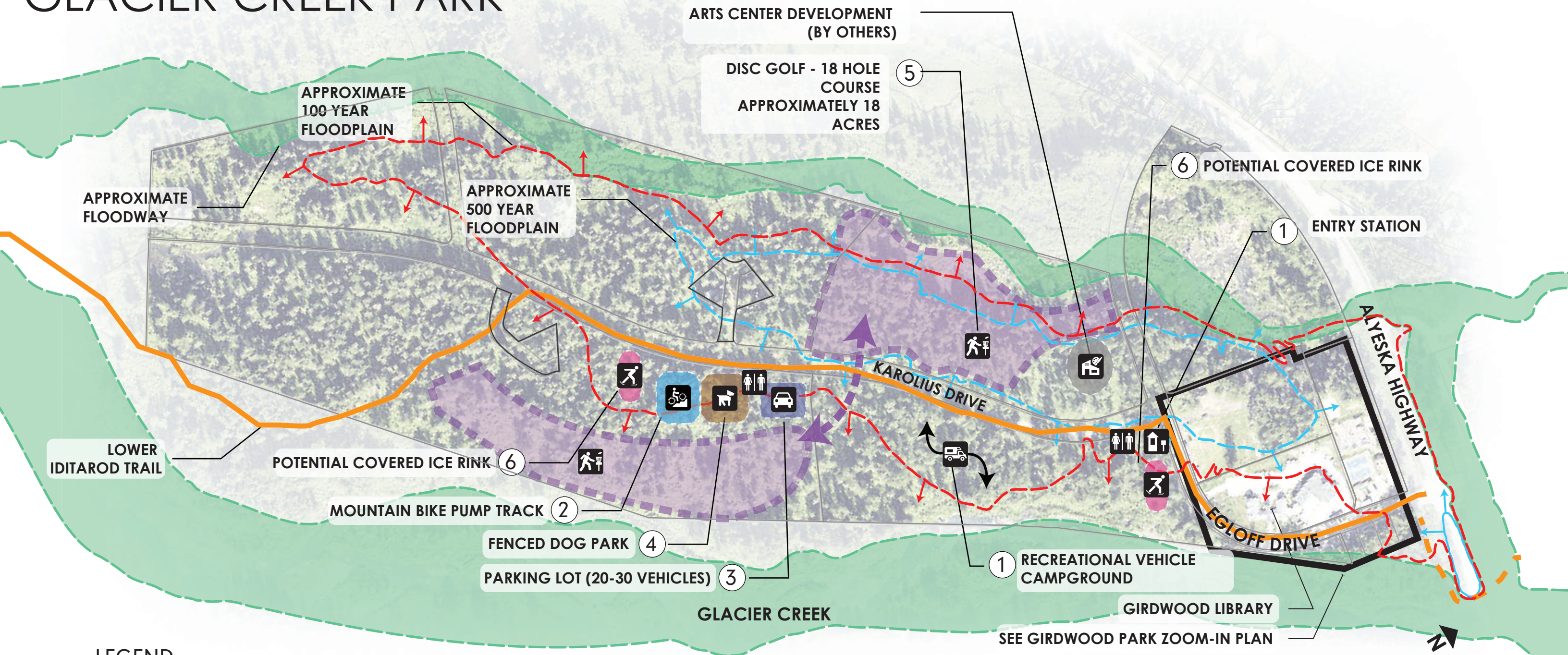
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- 7 Lions Club Park Parking Lot**
Develop a new parking lot at Lions Club Park, providing approximately 15 parking spaces. Paving and striping will improve drainage and enhance circulation and safety along Egloff Drive.
- 8 Lions Club Park Picnic Shelter**
Construct a new picnic shelter at Lions Club Park to support gatherings, events, and year-round community use.
- 9 New Pathway/Boardwalk to River Viewing Platform**
Develop a new pathway and boardwalk providing accessible pedestrian access to a river viewing platform.
- 10 Forest Fair Grounds – Ongoing Maintenance**
The Forest Fair Board has expressed interest in potential maintenance and repair projects, such as pathway and bridge improvements, within the Forest Fair Grounds. If the organization plans to pursue these projects, Parks and Recreation should provide any required permitting and coordination to support the work. The plan also notes the future relocation of the Frisbee golf course and camping areas; once relocated, these areas will need to be remediated. No new facilities are proposed for the Forest Fair Grounds at this time.
- 11 AK PF&DOT Parking Lot Considerations**
Portions of the current community parking area lie within the Alaska PF&DOT right-of-way. Any future DOT improvements in this corridor should consider the community's use of this area for parking and explore opportunities to improve drainage, circulation, and safety as part of right-of-way upgrades.



GLACIER CREEK PARK

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| # | NOTES, SEE ADDITIONAL PAGE | | EXISTING TRAILS |
| | EXPANDED DISC GOLF COURSE | | 100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN |
| | MOUNTAIN BIKE PUMP TRACK | | 500 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN |
| | FENCED DOG PARK | | FLOODWAY |
| | YEAR-ROUND RV PARK | | |
| | PARKING LOT | | |
| | TOILET/RENT A CAN | | |

Glacier Creek Park Concept

During the planning process, the community expressed a strong interest in expanding park facilities within this area. Several local organizations have previously explored concepts such as an RV site and an Arts Center. This plan builds on earlier ideas and identifies general zones for potential recreation and community-focused development.

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- 1 Year-Round Campground**
A year-round campground is proposed that could also help support seasonal workforce needs. The exact layout, number of sites, and specific boundaries would be determined during future design phases. The general zone is located east of Karolius Drive. Because the area is near Glacier Creek and within the 100-year and 500-year floodplains, campground design should evaluate appropriate grading, layout, and stream setbacks to ensure safe and sustainable use. A entry station for check-ins, water, and RV waste disposal is envisioned near the southeast corner of Egloff Drive and Karolius Drive. Individual campsites should be served by electrical hookups.
- 2 Mountain Bike Pump Track**
A mountain bike pump track is proposed to serve both the Girdwood community and campground users. The track should include loops designed for a range of abilities, including beginner and intermediate riders.
- 3 Parking Lot (20-30 Vehicles)**
A parking lot accommodating approximately 20–30 vehicles is proposed between the fenced dog park and the mountain bike pump track, accessed from Karolius Drive. Amenities should be consistent with those identified in the recently adopted Trails Plan, such as a kiosk, signage, and sanitation.
- 4 Fenced Dog Park**
A fenced dog park is proposed to provide a safe off-leash area for dogs and their owners. Dog waste stations should be included. The area is expected to retain mature trees while brushing out the understory to maintain visibility and safe sight lines.
- 5 Relocated Disc Golf Course**
The existing frisbee golf course is proposed for relocation to this area and re-established as an 18-hole course. Adequate buffers should be maintained between course features and adjacent private parcels. Due to acreage needs, some elements of the course will likely cross the road. Collaboration with the local frisbee golf community will be important for layout development, course design, and identifying potential funding sources.
- 6 Potential Covered Ice Rink**
Potential location for a covered ice rink for hockey.

FUTURE PARK LAND

Proposed Future Parks

Two areas currently managed by the Heritage Land Bank (HLB) are proposed for potential park land or park management. The first zone encompasses the existing 5K Nordic Loop and the area used for current and future mountain bike trails. The second zone is located south of Girdwood Park, Lions Club Park, and the Library, in the area commonly referred to as the South Girdwood Townsite.

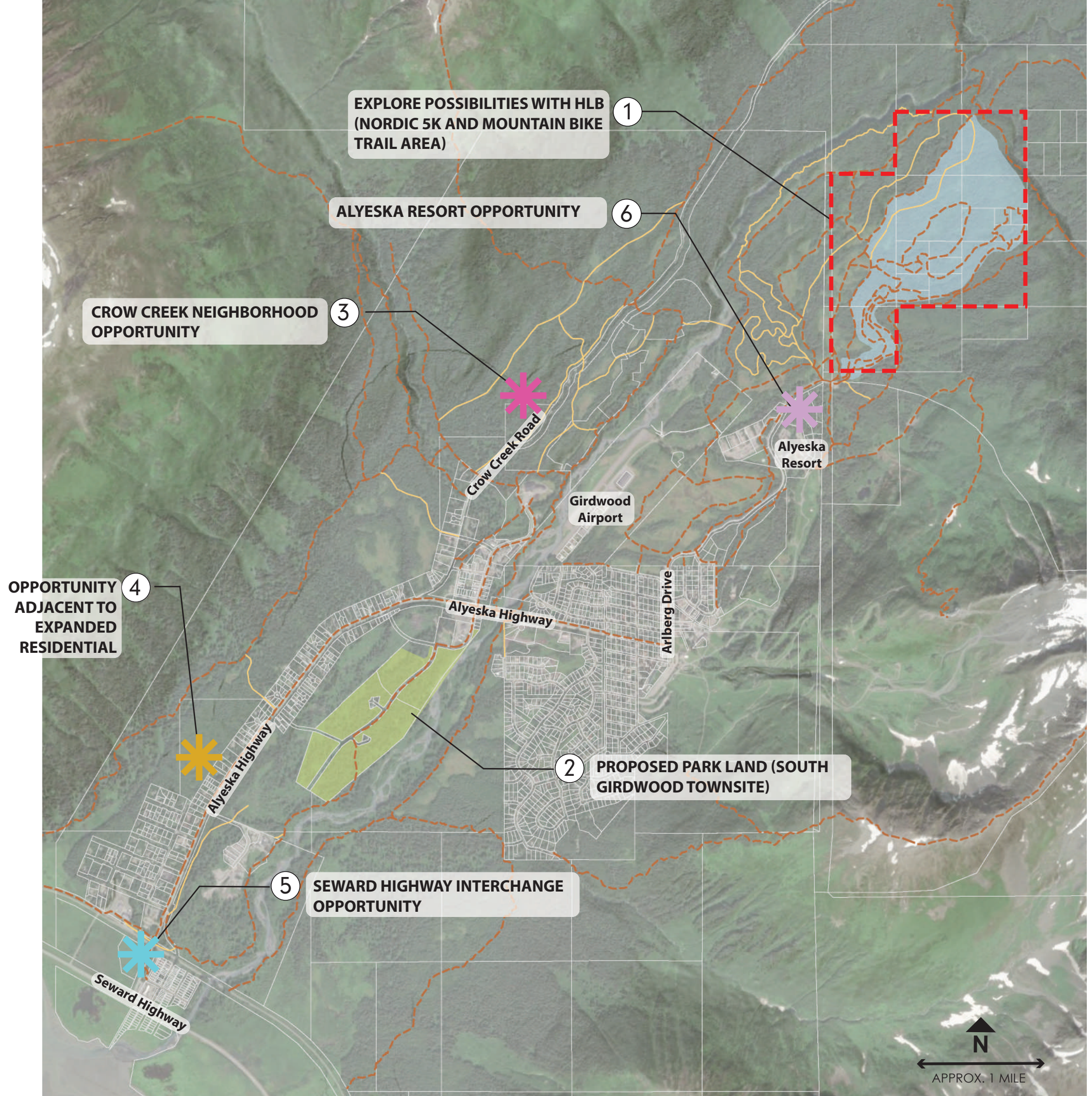
In addition to these proposed park zones, the plan identifies additional opportunity areas. These locations are expected to see future development or significant new housing, where small pocket parks or playgrounds could support neighborhood livability. While no specific parks are proposed at this time, landowners and future project partners are encouraged to consider how integrating small parks could benefit residents. Additional details on these opportunity areas are provided on the following sheet.

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- # NOTES, SEE ADDITIONAL PAGE
- PROPOSED FUTURE PARK PARCELS
- EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES WITH HLB
- MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK (AS IDENTIFIED IN THE GIRWOOD TRAILS PLAN)
- EXISTING TRAILS
- PROPOSED TRAIL (AS IDENTIFIED IN THE GIRWOOD TRAILS PLAN)

OPPORTUNITY ZONES

- ✱ CROW CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY
- ✱ OPPORTUNITY ADJACENT TO EXPANDED RESIDENTIAL
- ✱ SEWARD HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE OPPORTUNITY
- ✱ ALYESKA RESORT OPPORTUNITY



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- ① **Explore Possibilities with HLB (Nordic 5K and Mountain Bike Trails)**
Explore management possibilities with HLB to streamline trail development, permitting, maintenance, and funding by aligning site management with Girdwood Parks and Recreation and supporting long-term collaboration with nonprofits that build and maintain these trails.
- ② **Transfer HLB Parcels Between California Creek and Glacier Creek**
This plan recommends transferring HLB Parcels 6-134, 6-205, 6-149, 6-166, and part of 6-076 into municipal park land to support long-term community recreation needs. These parcels could accommodate future facilities such as an RV park, frisbee golf course, dog park, and pump track.
- ③ **Crow Creek Neighborhood Opportunity**
The Crow Creek Neighborhood Land Use Plan (2006) and the Girdwood Area Plan both identify this area for future residential development. As subdivision and platting occur, developers and landowners are encouraged to consider incorporating small pocket playgrounds to improve walkable access to play spaces for nearby families.
- ④ **Neighborhood Development Opportunity**
This area is identified in the Girdwood Area Plan as a residential expansion zone. Should development proceed, the community and project partners may want to explore opportunities for pocket playgrounds to ensure close-to-home recreation options for future residents
- ⑤ **DOT Opportunity**
The Alaska Department of Transportation has identified long-term transportation improvements at the intersection of the Seward Highway and Alyeska Highway. As these improvements advance, there may be opportunities to incorporate a small park or rest area that supports visitors traveling through the corridor and serves nearby businesses. Features such as picnic shelters, seating, or other general park amenities could enhance the area and provide a welcoming space for residents and travelers alike.
- ⑥ **Alyeska Resort Opportunity**
Alyeska Resort has identified housing as a component of their Master Plan. As these improvements progress, opportunities may arise to incorporate a small pocket park or playground to serve residents of the new developments.



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Meeting: Girdwood Parks Master Plan Advisory Group (GPMP-AG) Meeting #3

Date and Time: February 17, 2026, 6 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Girdwood Library - Community Room & Virtual

Topic: Review Draft Park Concepts

Attendees:

- Kyle Kelley – Girdwood Parks and Recreation
- Bri Keifer – Huddle AK
- Peyton Johnson – Huddle AK
- Brian Burnett – GBOS Parks Supervisor
- Krystal Hoke – GLT & Sunday Market
- Bud Dow – Lions Club
- Aaron Gates - Skatepark
- Will Brennan – Member-at-large

Presentation Summary: On Tuesday, February 17, 2026, the third meeting of the Girdwood Parks Master Plan Advisory Group was held with Girdwood Parks and Recreation and Huddle, the consultant firm leading the master plan development. The Advisory Group consists of community members who represent various recreation groups, as well as members-at-large.

Bri from Huddle presented the proposed park concepts, which had been updated based on comments at the 2nd Public Meeting on December 16th. Bri explained the changes that had been made to each of the proposed park designs and responded to questions and comments for each park.



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Comment Summary

Girdwood Park + Lions Club Park

- Consider adding a placemaking sign/object located on the north end of Lions Club Park that would be visible from the Alyeska Highway, similar to the proposed arches at Town Square Park.
- Discussed possibility of adding a third pickleball court, oriented east-west, above the two currently proposed ones.

Town Square Park

- Add a note directly on the plan (not just in the narrative) that legacy artwork within the park needs to be preserved or moved with great respect and care.
- Will the proposed stage have access to power? Are there any light posts inside the grass circle?
 - A directional drill could potentially provide power access.

Glacier Creek Park

- Ice rink would serve as a valuable recreational resource in the summer.
- What about the potential RV park in Alyeska development - is that something that could still happen/conflict with the proposed RV park at Glacier Creek Park?

Moose Meadow Park

- Move playground so that it is between the snow storage area and Aspen Mountain Road to better serve neighborhood.
- Potentially move the soccer field west, provides more room for play area and snow storage.
- Reach out to residents on Aspen Mountain road to get their feedback and give awareness.

Future Park Lands

- Discussed the area around the Mountain Bike Park and Nordic 5k Loop:



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- There is interest in expanding the amount of land designated as parkland in this area. The red dashed line identifies an area that could include a management easement to facilitate trail development.
- An additional colored dashed line will be added to include the upper and middle meadows as an area where it is a goal to become designated parkland.
- Explore ways to encourage parks in existing neighborhoods that don't have a walkable park. Consider how to state this goal in the plan without identifying a specific parcel.
- Move the yellow asterisk so that it does not visually impede on the vegetative buffer shown in the potential future neighborhood development south of the Beaver Pond Trail.
- Does the Holtan Hills area need a park opportunity asterisk? Or does the school playground provide a sufficient walkable park?

General Comments

- Could there be a Redline version? Community members are sometimes not sure what has changed since previous iterations or how/why decisions were made.
 - Could be added in the appendix or potentially as a markup for GBOS
- Clarify that the schematic shapes shown on the plan are conceptual. For example, the playground layout is illustrative and does not represent a final design – only the general location.
- The Plan should address requirements for Dark Sky lighting at all parks.
- The Plan should address waste management, including trash and recycling throughout the parks.



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Meeting: Girdwood Parks Master Plan Public Workshop #1

Date and Time: September 16, 2025, 6 pm – 9pm

Location: Girdwood Library - Community Room

Topic: Girdwood Parks Master Plan – Visioning

Project Team Attendees:

- Kyle Kelley – Girdwood Parks and Recreation
 - Margaret Tyler – Girdwood Parks and Recreation
 - Bri Keifer – Huddle AK
 - Peyton Johnson – Huddle AK
 - Peyton Going – Huddle AK
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Presentation Summary

On Tuesday, September 16, 2025, the first Girdwood Parks Master Plan Public Workshop was held in partnership with Girdwood Parks and Recreation and Huddle, the consulting firm leading the master plan development.

During the workshop, Bri Kiefer and Peyton Johnson from Huddle delivered a brief presentation to attendees. Their presentation covered:

- The goals of the master planning process
- The project timeline
- The objectives of the public workshop
- Existing park conditions
- A high-level overview of the results from the recent community survey

Open House Stations

Following the presentation, participants were invited to engage with five interactive stations set up around the room. Each station featured maps and survey results for the following focus areas:

1. Girdwood + Lions Club Park



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2. Moose Meadows
3. Town Square
4. Park Reserve Greenbelts
5. Future Land / Vision Statements

Community members were encouraged to review the materials, provide input, and leave comments directly on the maps at each station. Feedback gathered from the workshop will be incorporated into the ongoing master planning process.

Comments Summary Table

Comment Summary Table	
Moose Meadows	
Parking / Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No expanded parking; add signage at current parking directing folks to park on road by soccer field • Don't expand parking by soccer field, or if it must be expanded do it in a way that it isn't a visible eyesore or nuisance while driving Arlberg • No paved parking; gravel is better and easier to repair / reconstruct • More access points • Add parking southwest of park
Boardwalk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add boardwalk with a larger observation deck near parking; add a smaller, more hidden boardwalk near the monument wall • Moose Meadows is our Town Common on a Saturday or Sunday! Everyone is out there. A boardwalk would be nice.
Dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out how to make dog owners clean up dog waste and enforce leash laws
Development / Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure there is consideration of a future Long Trail before any development • Preserve both trails and open space as other developments grow in Girdwood • Motorcross parkway (i.e. Kincaid Park) • Single track bike trail (adjacent to Arlberg bike path) • Archery Range • Covered area / pavilion near soccer field



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pocket park and / or pump track in area adjacent to soccer field • Formalize recreational use on airport land • Add trail connection on airport land for pedestrians and bikes (alleviate rec use of airport road) • Observations would be useful especially Moose Meadows on a Sat / Sun in wintertime. Also, skatepark gets huge usage and probably didn't respond. 10% response is low so usage through observation might provide additional ideas / suggestions to append the survey.
<p>Drainage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moose Meadows is a great skiing and hiking trail, but it has problems with wet moist land that make it difficult for hiking • Improve drainage for soccer field
<p>Greenbelt Reserves</p>	
<p>Access / Connectivity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link up these greenbelt parcels. Signage and trail maps updated to show these • Pull out and culvert → Davos Road and Glacier Creek • Link the greenbelts • Not interested in finishing light at crosswalk • Existing crosswalk at Timberline • Circle on Higher Terrace is actually a road • Potential park access here (SW corner of wetland along Timberline Drive)
<p>Trails / Programming</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood parks / pocket parks • Trails + parks are our economy / tourism • Alpine Meadows Greenbelt should be trail • Would be nice to have walking trails – pedestrian connections to avoid traffic • Winter vs. summer trail use – in survey • User trails / game trail behind Girdwood Brewing Company • Neighborhood play area / dry space? • Trail (along Alpine Meadows Ave) • Informal trail here (along Alpine Meadows Ave) • Trail in this area (Alyeska Hwy to Kitz) • Forest Fair → camping along Glacier Creek near neighborhood



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campfires on Glacier Creek away from neighbors • Epic fat bike ride + brewery • Winter trail – Alta
Misc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Lights Viewing • Moose viewing platform – Stowe Circle • Wildlife value
Girdwood Park & Lions Club Park	
Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump track near skate park, place it in a visible area • Build a pickleball court in Lion’s Club Park or at Little Bears Site • Pickleball nets on rollers are inexpensive and two could sit on a tennis court for a temporary summer option • I’d like to see pickleball courts , perhaps covered • It would be great to have pickleball courts! Either in Lions Park or Girdwood Park area • Ice rink with pickleball lines for winter / summer use • Possible single pickleball court that can benefit the community! Separate from tennis courts • Would support adding pickleball courts where Little Bears is or on Lions Club Park area
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We support the Lions Club covered structure construction • Definitely excited about covered pavilion at Lions Club Park
Town Square Park	
Amenities / Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to power • Public bathrooms near Town Square
Park Activation / Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More events! Concert area? Power access • More community events: art in the park, music, etc. • Plant a Christmas tree that can be used for the annual tree lighting once it grows up • Skating • Issues with inappropriate behavior affecting business • Small area surrounded by local businesses and attracts different people



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real tree planted to be the community holiday tree • Chess pieces as projects
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Survey Results – Suggested New Park Land / Facilities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mitten • Balance / Kinetic Kids Structures • Small pocket playground in every neighborhood • Mini park at Moose Meadow with swings • Maybe trailhead near Moose Meadows / Deb’s Way • Concerned with cost of new bathroom • May not need new parks / facilities with size of community • Concentrate + focus on existing resources • Whitewater park bridge to library • Outside play developments south of baseball field; pickleball courts; pump track or just benches • Archery Range walking path (like Kincaid Park) • Hobby airplane • Art district • Pump track south of Girdwood Park • I support parks in Mine Roads area even though I don’t know what it would look like • Preserve Bird-to-Gird experience as new highway interchange is built • Road access to water for emergency services • Good early skating (south of Old Girdwood) • Existing fishing access (south of Old Girdwood) • Integrate overpass plan with parks plan • Old Girdwood for tourist interpretive signs
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Visioning – The Girdwood Parks & Rec System Is

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A joy! • Recognized as an integral part of our culture and economy and prioritized as such • Creative + Diverse • Trails are our local economy
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MOOSE MEADOWS

Post-it

EASEL PAD
super sticky
TABLEAU À FEUILLES
super collantes
BLOC DE NOTES
super adhesivas

(05,5 cm x 70,2 cm) 0.21 x 27.6

No expanded parking;
add signage @
PARKING
CURRENT DIRECTIONS POINTS TO PARK ON ROAD BY STREET FIELD

Motor cross parkway
i.e. Kincaid park

Moose Meadows is a great spring and nice hiking trail
• But it has problems
• With wet moist land that make it difficult for hiking

Make sure there is consideration of a future long trail before any one of development

Moose Meadows is our town Commons on west side. Everyone has a stake in it. We should work on it.

Boardwalk
• Larger design
• Add more paving
• Smaller boardwalk
• New maintenance work

preserve both trails and open space as other development grows in the area

- no paved parking
• gravel is better/easier to reconstruct

More access points

* seasonal field trips to the parks on weekends

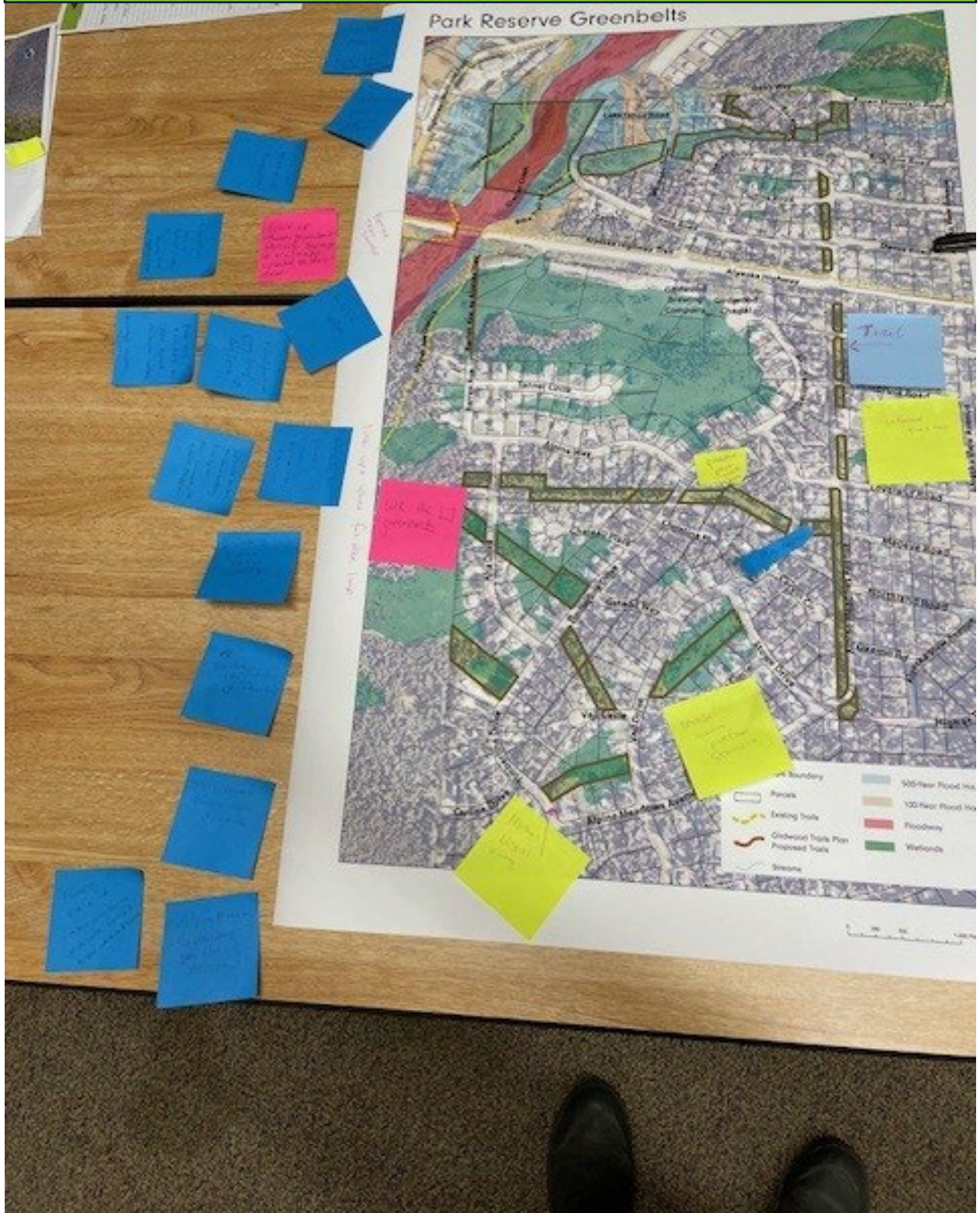
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• don't put too many things down in the middle
• no extra work



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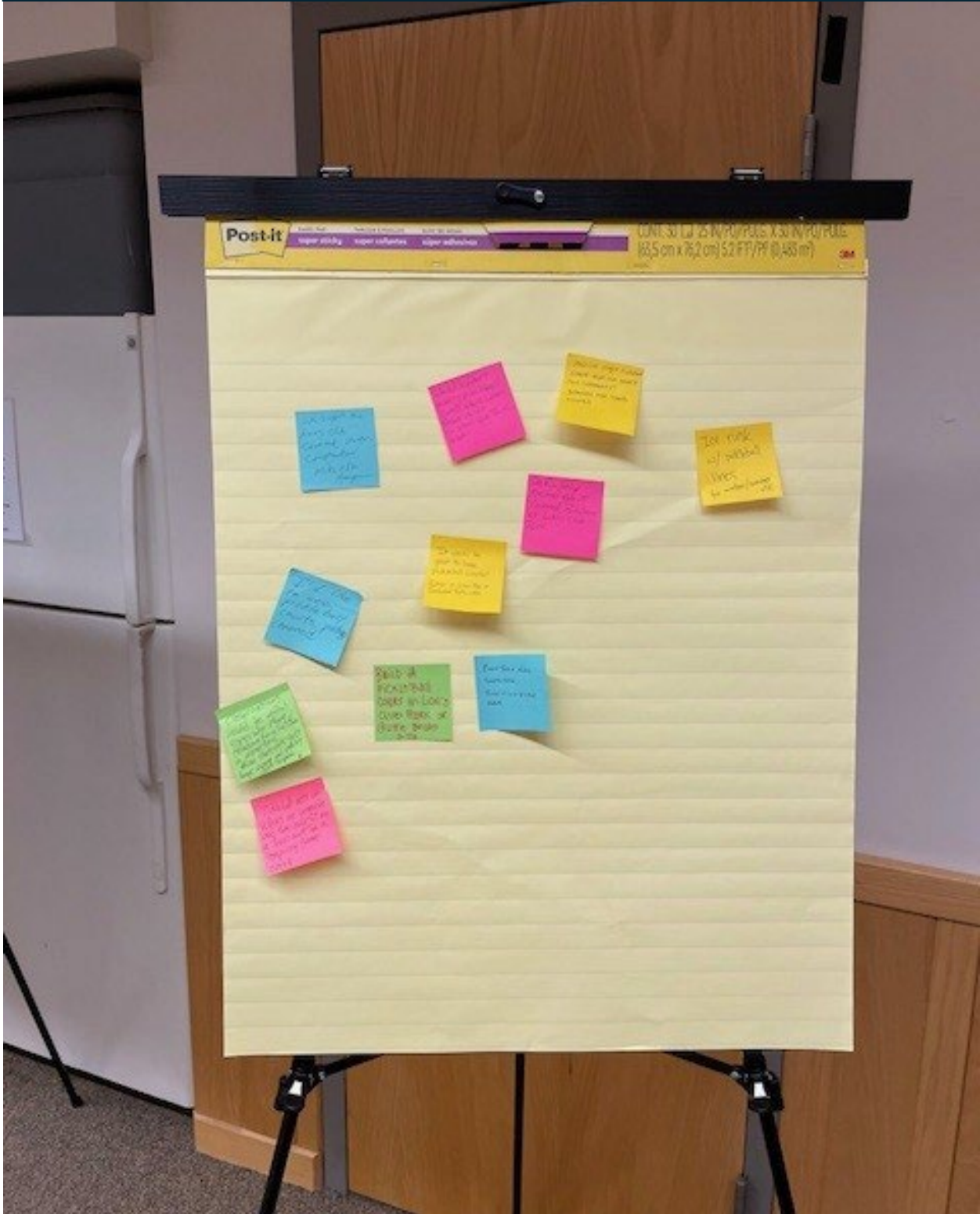
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GIRDWOOD & LIONS CLUB PARKS





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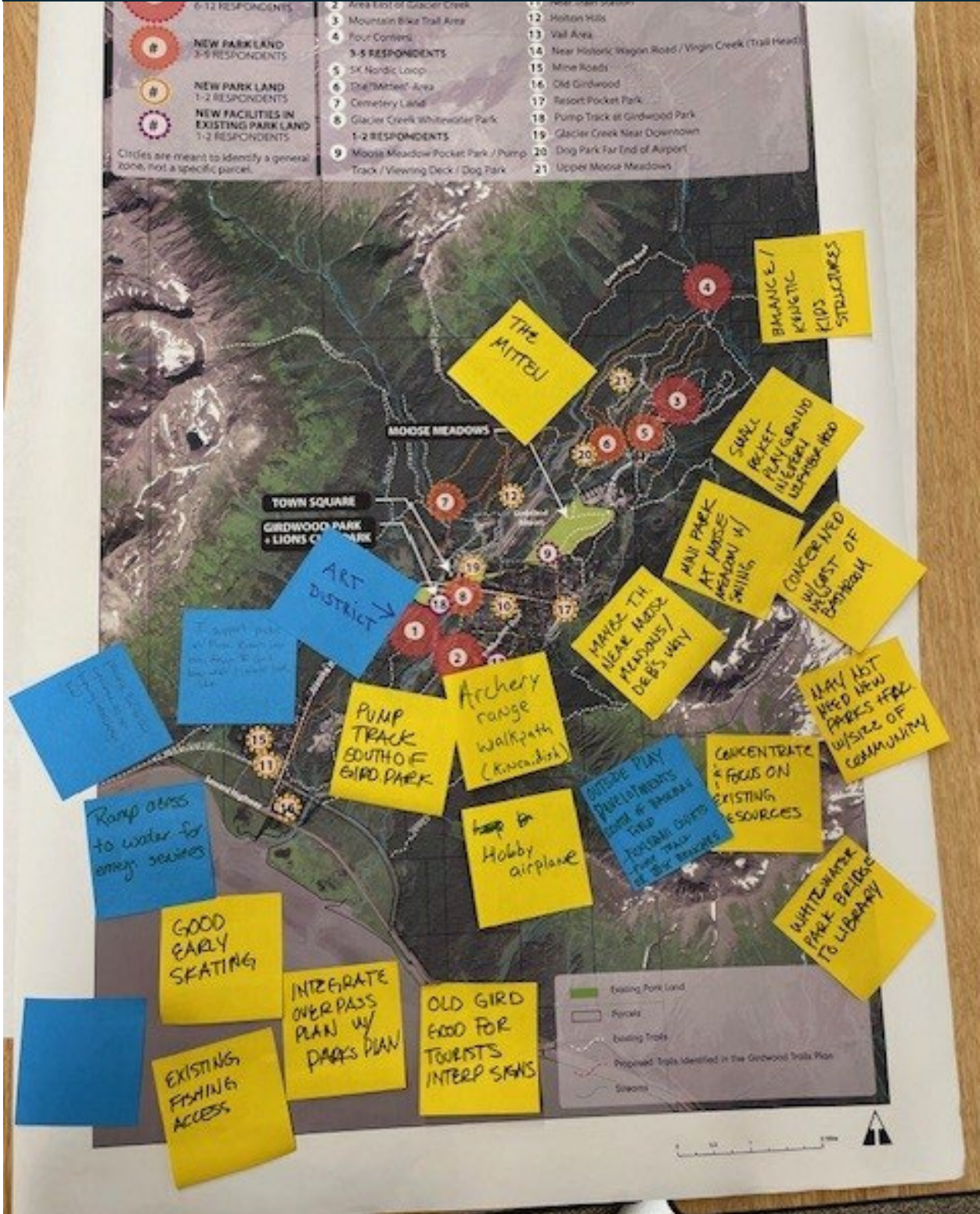
TOWN SQUARE PARK





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SUGGESTED NEW PARK LAND / FACILITIES





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VISIONING

THE GIRDWOOD PARKS &
REC SYSTEM IS:

A JOY! (FILL IN!)

*Recognized as an integral part of
our creative economy & prioritized
as such!*

CREATIVE
+
DIVERSE

TRAILS ARE
OUR LOCAL
ECONOMY



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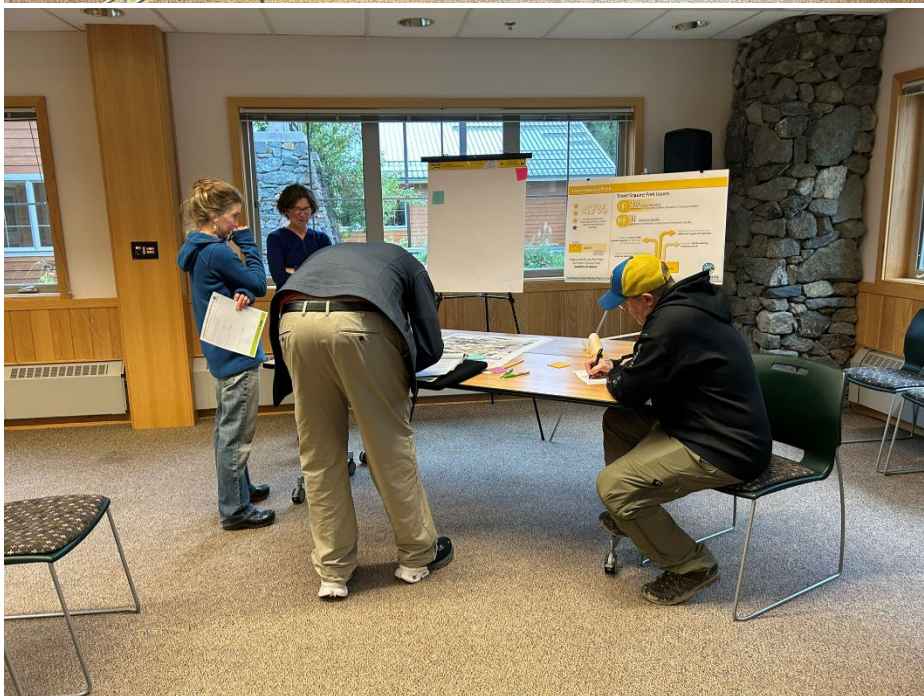
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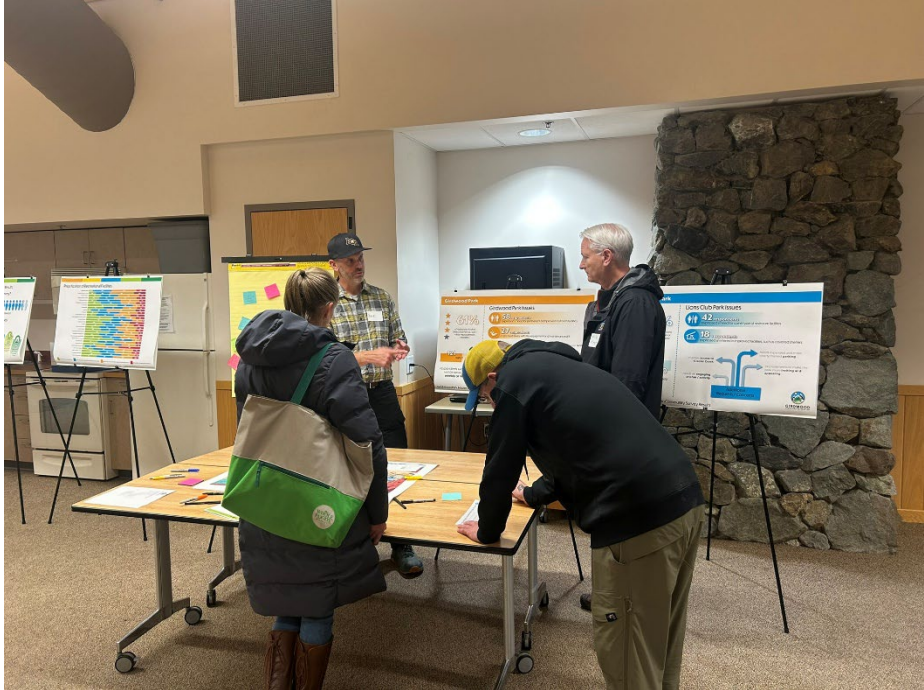
OPEN HOUSE STATIONS





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OPEN HOUSE STATIONS





Meeting: Girdwood Parks Master Plan Public Workshop #2

Date and Time: December 16, 2025, 6 pm – 8pm

Location: Girdwood Library - Community Room

Topic: Girdwood Parks Master Plan – Visioning

Project Team Attendees:

- Margaret Tyler – Girdwood Parks and Recreation
 - Peyton Johnson – Huddle AK
 - Bri Keifer – Huddle AK
 - Peyton Going – Huddle AK
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Presentation Summary

On Tuesday, December 16, 2025, the second Girdwood Parks Master Plan Public Workshop was held in partnership with Girdwood Parks and Recreation and Huddle, the consulting firm leading development of the master plan. The workshop was open-house style, with several tables set up around the room displaying draft schematic designs for each park included in the plan. Project team members circulated between tables to answer questions and explain the designs.

Open House Stations

Participants were invited to engage with six interactive stations. Each station featured maps and survey results for the following focus areas:

1. Girdwood + Lions Club Park
2. Moose Meadows
3. Town Square
4. Glacier Creek Park
5. Future Park Land
6. Vision Statement + Goals



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Community members were encouraged to review the materials and proposed designs, provide input, and leave comments on sticky notes at each station. Attendees also received comment forms with targeted questions. Feedback gathered during the workshop will be incorporated into the ongoing master planning process.

Comments Summary Table

Comment Summary Table	
Moose Meadows	
Boardwalk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure boardwalk does not block existing access for skiers/etc. to Moose Meadow • Protect wetlands if boardwalk is put in • Viewing platforms are a great idea • Putting in a defined boardwalk will create a space to see the view while protecting wetlands • Support the boardwalk • This boardwalk is short. Is the cost worth it? Maybe just put an elevated viewpoint right by the road instead
Ice Rink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would prefer ice rink to be in Karolius area • Ice rink here could become an event space for winter activities, races, gatherings, etc. • A roof on an ice rink seems unnecessary and expensive • Is the resort still doing a covered ice rink? • Ice rink could be a roller rink/party pavilion in the summer • Parking for ice rink may be an issue. • Ice rink is good here, however it needs to be closer to the parking area • Prefer ice rink here with other winter activities • Ice rink should be located anywhere except Moose Meadow, which is already heavily hit and should be maintained in as natural condition as possible. • Support ice rink here - less trees here to cause a mess on the rink. Could be covered soccer/basketball in summer. • I really think that a covered Ice Rink should be incorporated into a skatepark facility. Covered space is at an absolute premium, and it would be a huge failure to have a covered ice rink that is not some kind of dedicated recreation space



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	<p>during warmer months. The pump track concept is great, but it won't work in the same space as the ice rink, and is the least important thing to cover. Asphalt pump tracks such as the one in Leavenworth, WA, drain effectively and are fun in very wet weather.</p>
Pump Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be located in the trees
Other Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large covered multipurpose community space (hockey, skate ramps, basketball, etc.) • Tuck a covered space into the trees • Support for small playground by the soccer field • Support the parking lot
Soccer Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve drainage for soccer field • Improving the soccer field surface should be the priority in this zone before other projects are funded
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing access road behind soccer field • Great location for tourists
Glacier Creek Park	
Campground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tent campground in addition to RV spots • Support a short-term RV park, but have concerns about long term camping • Support RV park here
Ice Rink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefer ice rink at #6 location, closer to Egloff drive and water source for hotmopping. • Should have bike ramps under the cover in the summer.
Pump track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be located south of Egloff and ballfield within the 100 year flood plain. Easy access to parking and located close to skate park • Pump track should be located north of RV area, south of skating rink • Would prefer to see pump track closer to other amenities • Supports pump track here • Pump track should be located in the "Civic Land Use Reserve" or elsewhere along Karolius with enough room (current proposed track seems too small)



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<p>Other Recreation Facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickleball courts could be here • Bocce ball courts could be here • Improve horseshoe pits • Love the idea of a fenced dog park in Girdwood
<p>Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would love to see this area further developed for a wider variety of user groups, making an area that is a destination for locals and tourists, with an overall focus on outdoor recreation. There is also an argument that the entire area around Karolius should be recreation based • Currently the lower Iditarod trail is great skiing until it hits Karolius. It would be so great if the trail was maintained so that snow removal didn't preclude skiing between there and Girdwood park. If driving down Karolius is possible, there should be a river access and small parking lot down there to allow whitewater boaters a different opportunity to take out than at Lion's Club Park, or at least have a hardened trail to the river from the Dog Parking.
<p>Girdwood Park & Lions Club Park</p>	
<p>Pump track</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should not be smaller than Hilltop • Should be through the woods and not just a small area – could go outside Forest Fair booth sites towards California Creek. • Weave pump track around Forest Fair area • The area by the highway shown as pickleball could be a pump track instead • Should be south of the ballfields • Flims Switzerland has a pumptrack that does well in rain
<p>Playground</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor visibility in playground • Care should be taken to respect the work and effort put into the original playground particularly having plans re: the fence posts and recognizing the volunteer efforts that went into the existing playground
<p>Pickleball</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be located by Lions Club parking lot, not on the corner • Support by the Lions Club parking, could there be 3 courts there?



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would prefer the pickleball court to be more hidden (like across from the fire station) and not disturbing the trees by the Alyeska Highway
Volleyball Sand Pit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volleyball court needs to stay for Forest Fair family/kids area • In favor of the things proposed here only if it is not fenced in – fencing in this area would segment the area esp. during Forest Fair. Could there be a removable fence? • Separate skate pool *covered* on current volleyball site. This hills on the side would work as forest fair seating
Skatepark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any upgrades or expansion to the skate park should involve rain proofing it. Any amount of covered and dry space to skate would be a much bigger improvement than any other upgrades. • Continue discussion on cement features in skatepark (half of pad or whole pad)!
Other Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bocce ball could be located adjacent to pickleball • Supports small basketball court next to maintenance bldg.
Maintenance Shop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance shop should have a flat roof deck to include a community use/parent viewing area over whole park in sun • Expand the maintenance shop even bigger and put a skate mini ramp in covered space
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports elevated plaza • Improve trail under Glacier Creek Bridge • Pavillion cover for skate park and tennis courts • Excited for the new Lions Club pavilion (wherever it goes) • Good idea for the small grass/concert area, but the current stage works fine • Area south of Forest Fair is used a lot • The Lions Club Park planning should be integrated into whitewater park planning. No matter how small a whitewater park is, it will make the LCP area much more attractive and get a lot more visitation. All LCP planning should be made so that future Whitewater Park Development is enhanced.
Town Square Park	
Amenities / Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More benches • Support idea memorial wall



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should have raised platforms for performances • Should have covered platform community area • Support for covered benches • Should have a food truck area • Potentially add plant in north corner • Christmas tree location north of the labyrinth • Little lights along pathways • Park annex at Linblad Ave. entrance • There should not be an ice rink at this location
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Future Park Land / Facilities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would love to see a boardwalk area and turn off to the west of Seward Hwy, and North of the Girdwood turn off • North side of airport to 4 corners should be park land for the “artery trail” • Supports white water park • More bike trails • State lots off of Jewel Mine Road could have a pocket park • Is HLB parcel 6-297 park land? • Advanced bike jump lines at the bottom of the 5k loop • Supports pump track by Bikewood trails • Calling out greenbelt access all around town is very important • Mountain bike trail area that is outlined in red dash should be a larger area encompassing more of the trails in that area (desired form drawn on map) • Crow Creek neighborhood opportunity should feature access to glacier creek. • If there’s expanded residential in the mine roads, see if you can get the lay down lot on top of the hill at the DOT. That place is turning into an archeological site. • Seward Highway interchange: Please make sure there is access to the turnagain arm. It’s awesome on that side of the highway and there isn’t enough access to the arm.
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Visioning Statement

General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting trail systems and supporting local businesses
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MOOSE MEADOWS





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MOOSE MEADOWS

MOOSE MEADOW PARK

- Ice rink
- Large covered multi-purpose community space (Hockey, skate ramps, basket ball, etc.)
- Improve (Drainage) of Soccer field
- Like the walking loop
- Like the fill
- Like the walking loop
- Protect methods of boardwalk is put in
- Prater ice here, ~~the~~ with other winter activity
- Missing Road Boardwalk Social event
- Roof on an ice rink seems unnecessary & expensive
- Still report still doing a covered ice rink?

Large covered multi-purpose community space (Hockey, skate ramps, basket ball, etc.)

Large covered multi-purpose community space (Hockey, skate ramps, basket ball, etc.)

+ Improve (Drainage) of Soccer field

Walking for ice rink may be an issue. Many people would park along the road by soccer field in winter. All in all, no winter.

and beautiful to look at in winter. Hope you get an amazing view of the snow and water.

I think you should look at the soccer field for the drainage. It's a good idea to have a drainage system in the soccer field.

Like Soccer field AND Parking lot

Love the walking loop

Yes Cover Ice Rink in Winter Part of the Summer

Putting in a defined boardwalk will create space to see the view while protecting the boardwalk.

The boardwalk might be a good idea for the meadow for winter. It could be a good idea to have a boardwalk in the meadow for winter.

Pump Track in the trees

Prater ice here, ~~the~~ with other winter activity

Protect methods of boardwalk is put in

Missing Road Boardwalk Social event

Roof on an ice rink seems unnecessary & expensive

Still report still doing a covered ice rink?



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GLACIER CREEK PARK

Post-it
EASEL PAD
super sticky
TABLEAU À FEUILLES
super collantes
BLOC DE NOTES
super adhesivas

CONT. 30 25 IN/PO/PULG. X 30 IN/PO/PULG.
(63,5 cm x 76,2 cm) 5.2 FT²/PP² (0,483 m²) 3M

Glacier Creek Park



Four more ideas
Small events & activities
around the lake
You could also have
a museum / history center
to visit park

Park Ball
Cours
Bounce Ball
improve horse
paths

I love the idea
of a fenced dog
park in Girdwood!

⑤ ICE RINK
should/could be
located off EGLIFF
at skating ice
to be close to
water (hot springs)
from Fire Department

Tent Campground
or
addition to
RV spots

Pump track with
RV area south of skating
rink

I would support a
short-term EV park,
but I have concerns
about people living in
deteriorated RVs.

#6 Seems
like the better
PX for ice
rink, more
connected to
other activities

Expand Tent
area

I'd like to see
the pump track
more close
to other
amenities

Campground
100%!





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GIRDWOOD & LIONS CLUB PARKS



SUPERSTICKY EASEL PAD
TABLEAU À FEUILLES MOBILES SUPERCOLLANTES
SUPERADHESIVAS BLOC DE HOJAS REPOSICIONABLES

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25 IN/PO x 30 IN/PO
63.5 cm x 76.2 cm
5.2 SQ FT/PI² (0.48 m²)



GIRDWOOD PARK + LIONS CLUB

South area
of forest trail
used a lot

Poor visibility
in playground

+ FAVORITE PICKLEBALL IS LIONS CLUB PARKING

Pavilion Cover for skate Park ← Yes!

for Tennis Courts

Improve trail under GLOCK bridge

SEPARATE SKATE POOL *COVERED* FROM current VOLLEYBALL site. The Hill on the side
would work AS forest fair SEATING

Pickleball by parking lot - not on corner. ← Yes!

Site cleared
pave

Weave pump
track along
forest fair
area

I support the
pickleball courts
near the new lion
parking lot.
Maybe 3 courts
instead of 2?

Pump track
South of
Ball fields

Add extra
investments

Pickleball
Court on
Hilltop
could be a pump
track

No need to
have a pump
track near the
pavilion instead

Expand the maintenance
shop even bigger and
put a skate mini
ramp in covered space

Volleyball court
needs to stay far
forest fair family/ten
area
↑
Yes!

Detached
Pavilion
provides
parent parking

Pump track
(love Hilltop)
BUT NOT
smaller than
Hilltop

continue discussion on
cement features in skate park
(half of pad or whole pad)!

Put a flat
roof top
deck on
Main. Shop
to include a
community use

Parent
viewing
area over
whole
park in the
sun ☀️

Pump track through
woods and not over
small area
could go outside
forest fair with some
cableway track

Kids use
Volleyball
& Sand during
Forest Fair!

Base
ball could be
adjacent to
Pickleball





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TOWN SQUARE PARK

Post-it SUPERSTICKY EASELPAD
TABLEAU À FEUILLES MOBILES SUPERCOLLANTES
SUPERADHESIVAS BLOC DE HOJAS REPOSICIONABLES
30 25 IN/PO x 30 IN/PO
63,5 cm x 76,2 cm
5.2 SQ. FT./PPF (0.48 m²) 3M

TOWN SQUARE PARK

Raised
Platform
for performances

Love the idea of
a memorial wall!

Label
row number

FOOD TRUCK AREA
RAISED PLATFORM
CONVENIENTLY NEAR

No ig
rink at
Town
Square

Potentially
plant near
corner

Little lights
along
pathways

More
benches
Borrow from
Vendors for
MARKET
FOOD
Vendor





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TOWN SQUARE PARK

TOWN SQUARE PARK

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Outdoor Museum Concept

Community feedback highlighted a desire for a stronger draw to Town Square. The proposal envisions transforming the park into an outdoor museum that celebrates Girdwood's art, culture, and history.

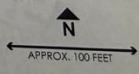
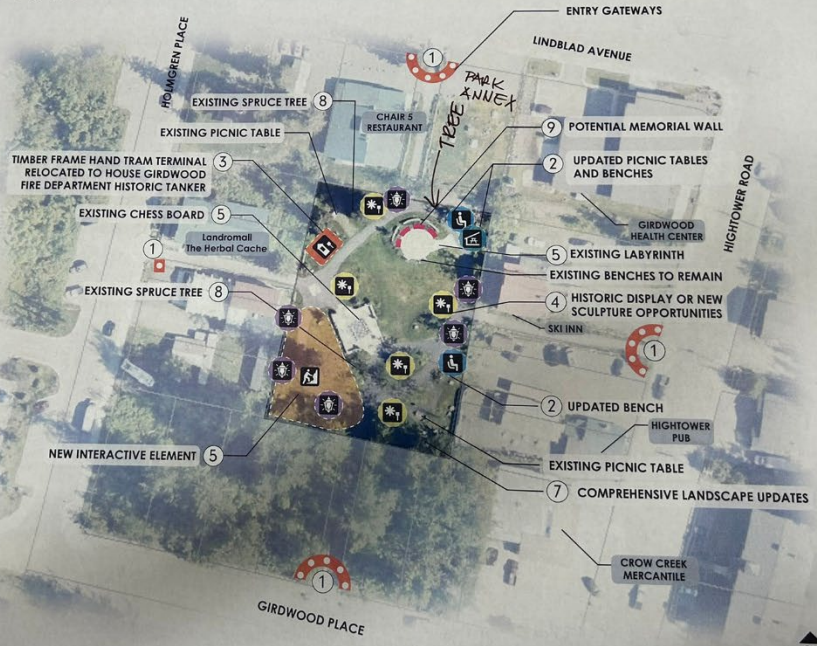
This concept establishes a cohesive framework that unites existing features—such as the interpretive panels, chess board, and labyrinth—by presenting them as part of a broader educational and artistic experience. It also provides direction for integrating future improvements that reflect Girdwood's unique identity.

Planned enhancements, including new park entry gateways and updated picnic areas, should incorporate local art and craftsmanship. An interactive feature is also proposed, designed to serve as both a sculptural element and an engaging play experience. Historic artifacts, such as the old hand tram structure and the water tanker, could be displayed within the park with simple, consistent museum-style signage at each feature.

Together, these elements would create a welcoming "art and history walk" that attracts visitors and enriches community events.

LEGEND

- # NOTES, SEE ADDITIONAL PAGE
- ENTRY FEATURE
- ARTISTIC OR HISTORIC SCULPTURAL ELEMENT WITH "MUSEUM" SIGNAGE
- NEW CUSTOM BENCHES
- NEW CUSTOM PICNIC TABLE
- NEW INTERACTIVE ELEMENT
- RELOCATED HAND TRAM STRUCTURE & OLD WATER TANKER
- EXISTING LIGHTPOSTS - POTENTIAL POWER SOURCE





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FUTURE PARK LAND

Future Park Land

more bike trails.

White Water!

↑
Yes!

↑ another yes!

EXPAND PARK OPPORTUNITIES:
(END OF AIRPORT → 4 CORNERS
GLACIER CREEK - & WINNIE CREEK TRAIL)

END OF AIRPORT TO 4 CORNERS WITH GLACIER CREEK TRAIL & WINNIE CREEK TRAIL

Advanced bike jump lines at the bottom of the SK loop

CALLING OUT GREENBELT ACCESS ALL AROUND TOWN IS VERY IMPORTANT

Would love to see a pull-out and possibly a boardwalk trail on the west side of the Seward Hwy, before the turn-off ~~from~~ for Girdwood.

* Trail above eastside of Glacier Creek - ^{north-south} easements + ^{permanent} trail status

North Side of
Chugach
connecting up
North of bike trail
as
connecting
a link

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Comment Form
Please use this form to provide comments.

Name _____
Email _____

1. Check here to sign up for future projects:

2. What do you think of the project? _____

3. What do you think of the program? _____

4. What do you think of the park? _____





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FUTURE PARK LAND

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FUTURE PARK LAND

Proposed Future Parks
Two areas currently managed by the heritage Land Bank (HLB) are proposed for potential park land or park management. The first zone encompasses the existing SK Nordic Loop and the area used for current and future mountain bike trails. The second zone is located south of Girdwood Park, Lions Club Park, and the Library in the area commonly referred to as the South Girdwood Townsite.

In addition to these proposed park zones, the plan identifies additional opportunity areas. These locations are expected to see future development or significant new housing, where small pocket parks or playgrounds could support neighborhood livability. While no specific parks are proposed at this time, landowners and future project partners are encouraged to consider how integrating small parks could benefit residents. Additional details on these opportunity areas are provided on the following sheet.

LEGEND

NOTES: SEE ADDITIONAL PAGE

- PROPOSED FUTURE PARK PARCELS
- EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES WITH HLB
- MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK (AS IDENTIFIED IN THE GIRDWOOD TRAILS PLAN)
- EXISTING TRAILS
- PROPOSED TRAIL (AS IDENTIFIED IN THE GIRDWOOD TRAILS PLAN)
- VEGETATED BUFFERS (AS IDENTIFIED IN THE GIRDWOOD LAND USE PLAN)
- PARK ELEMENTS SHOWN IN MULTIPLE PARKS AND LOCATIONS. PLEASE PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON YOUR PREFERRED OPTION.

OPPORTUNITY ZONES

- CROW CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY
- OPPORTUNITY ADJACENT TO EXPANDED RESIDENTIAL
- SEWARD HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE OPPORTUNITY
- ALYESKA RESORT OPPORTUNITY
- WHITEWATER PARK OPPORTUNITY



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VISIONING

Vision + Guiding Principles + Goals

Connecting trail systems &
supporting local businesses



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OPEN HOUSE STATIONS





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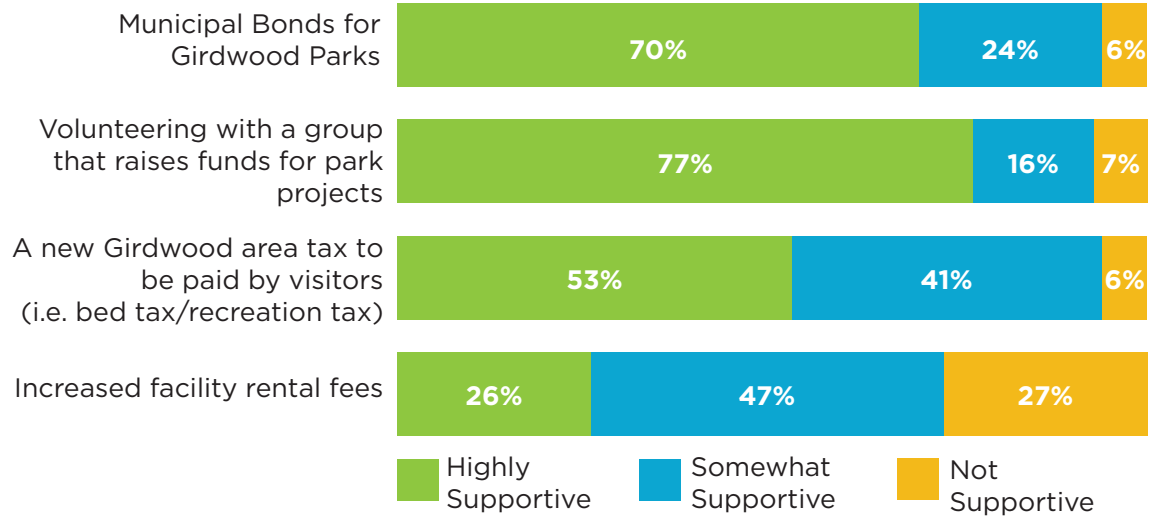


Girdwood Park Master Plan Community Survey Results

As part of the Girdwood Park Master Plan, a community survey was conducted to gather input on the condition of existing parks and explore opportunities for future parks and facilities. The survey was available online through SurveyMonkey from July 21 to August 24, 2025, and received 210 responses. Outreach was carried out by Girdwood Parks and Recreation and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, with information shared on the project website, community fliers, and social media. The following graphics highlight the key results and takeaways!



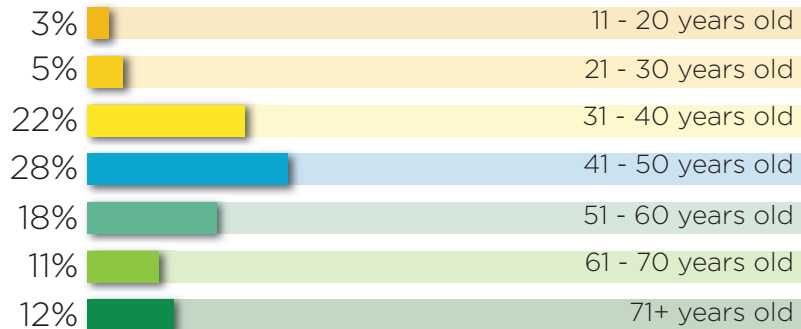
If you support additional or improved facilities, in **what ways would you support funding** them?



Who Took the Survey?



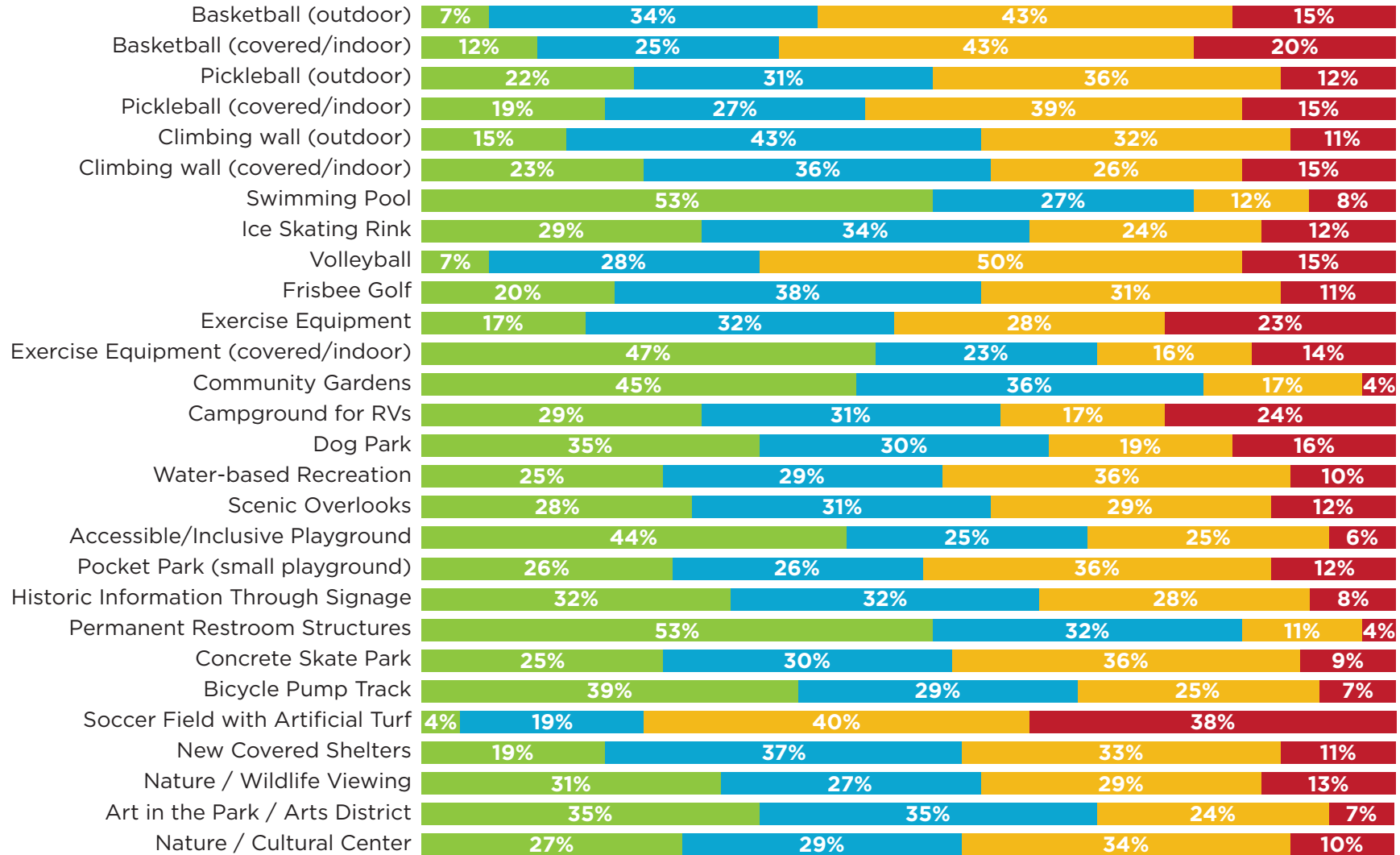
Age Range of Respondents



Top 5 Current Park Uses



Prioritization of Recreational Facilities

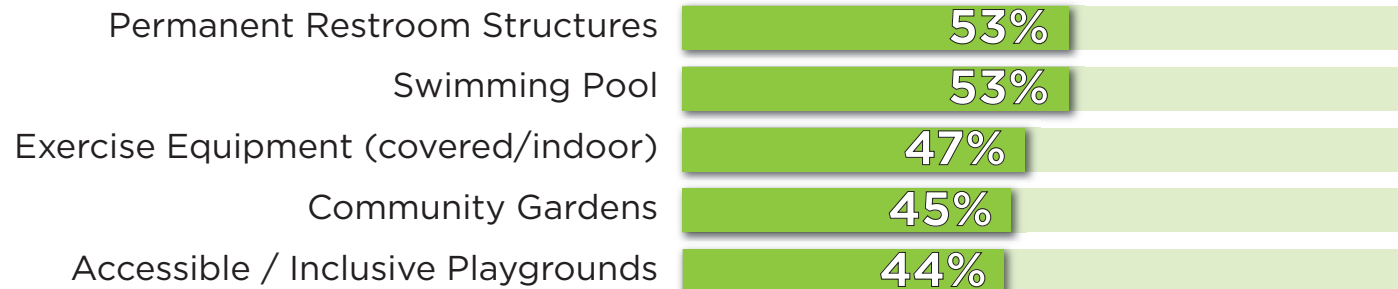


■ **Very Important** (A top priority for me)
 ■ **Somewhat Important** (A good fit for Girdwood, but not a priority)
 ■ **Neutral** (Prioritization depends on factors like cost or use)
 ■ **Not Important** (Not a good fit for Girdwood)

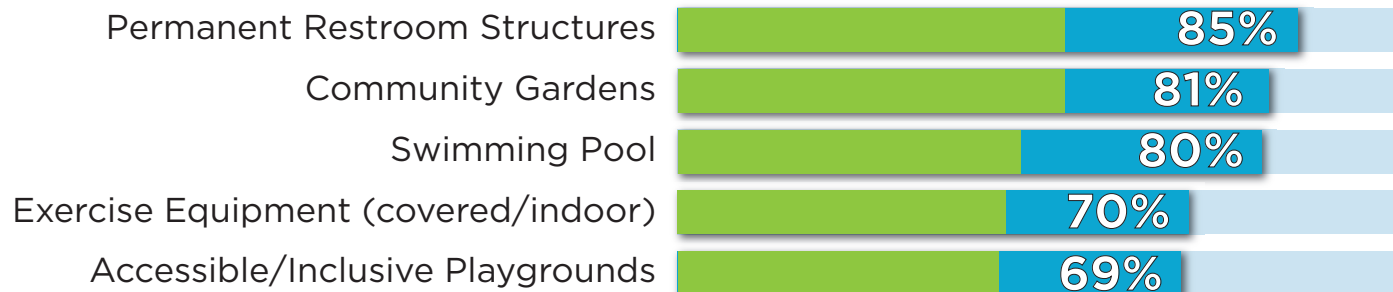


Prioritization of Recreational Facilities

Top 5 “A Top Priority for Me” Recreational Facilities



Top 5 “A Top Priority For Me” + “A Good Fit For Girdwood” Recreational Facilities





61%

of respondents rated Girdwood Park as 3 stars - minor improvements needed

121

out of

210

respondents said that they visit Girdwood Park **weekly or more**

Girdwood Park Issues



58

 respondents

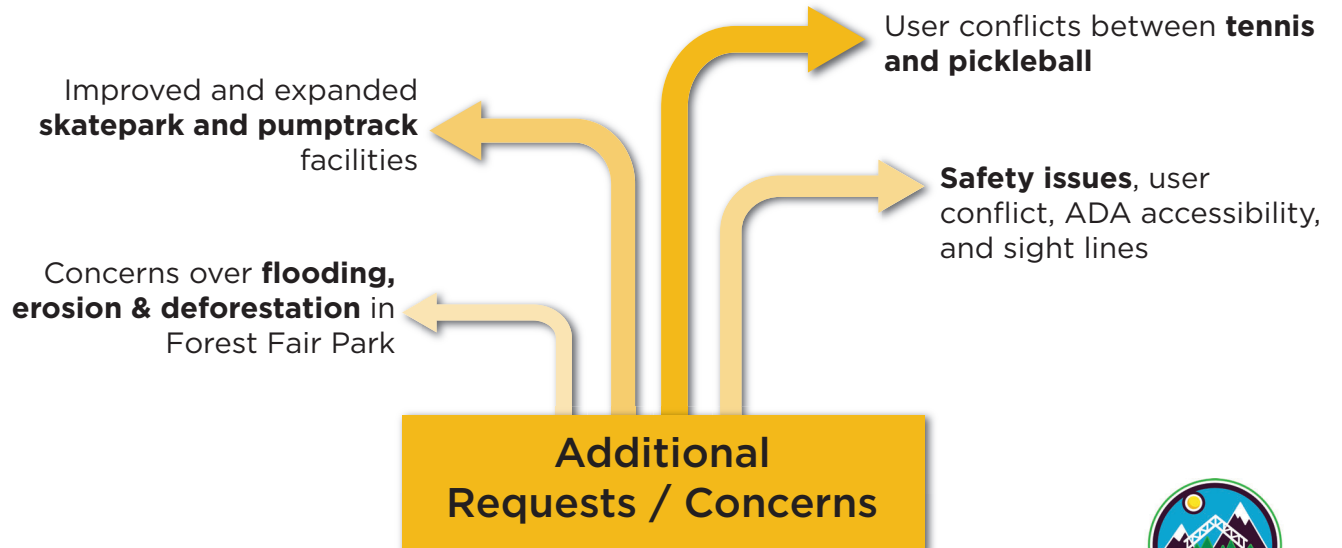
expressed a need for permanent or improved restroom facilities



27

 respondents

expressed issues with play equipment and maintenance of it





47%

of respondents rated Lions Club Park as 3 stars - minor improvements needed

31

out of

210

respondents said that they visit Lions Club Park **weekly or more**

Lions Club Park Issues



42

 respondents

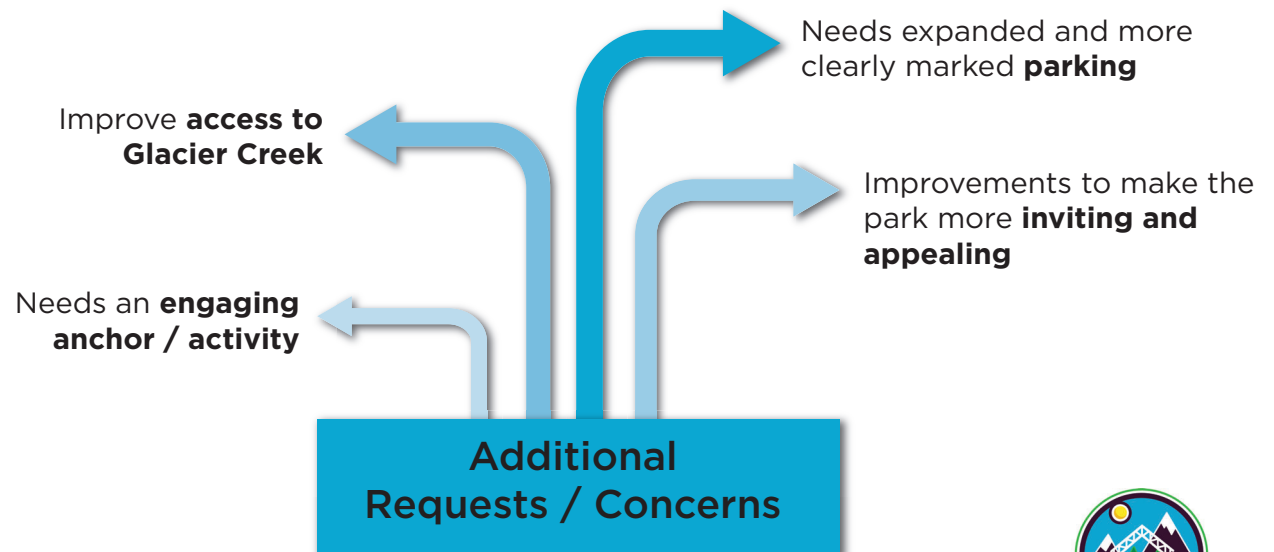
expressed a need for some type of restroom facilities



18

 respondents

expressed an interest in improved facilities, such as covered shelters



Moose Meadows Park



37%

of respondents rated Moose Meadows Park as 3 stars - minor improvements needed

94

out of

210

respondents said that they visit Moose Meadows Park **weekly or more**

Moose Meadows Park Issues



30 respondents

expressed a need for improved and expanded parking



29 respondents

expressed a need to preserve winter trails

Soccer field is in poor condition and has **drainage issues**

Improved signage is needed

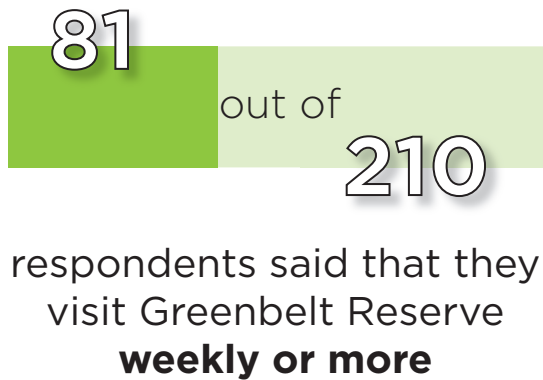
Concerns over **dog waste** and confusion about whether dogs are allowed on trails

Interest in a **summer trail / boardwalk**

Additional Requests / Concerns



Greenbelt Reserves



Greenbelt Reserves Issues



Clear brush and shrubs to **improve sight lines**

The space is **underutilized**

Add signage to clarify access points and greenbelt boundaries

Opportunities to establish continuous **connections between trails**

Additional Requests / Concerns



Town Square Park



47%

of respondents rated Town Square Park as 3 stars - minor improvements needed

73

out of

210

respondents said that they visit Town Square Park **weekly or more**

Town Square Park Issues



29 respondents

expressed a need for better activation / more amenities



11 respondents

expressed a need for some type of restroom facility

Needs an **electricity power source** for lighting, performances, etc.

Opportunity for more **events and displays**

Opportunities for posting **different types of signage**

Improve **landscaping maintenance**

Additional Requests / Concerns

Girdwood Park Master Plan Stakeholder Interview Results

The public involvement team conducted stakeholder interviews as a key part of the planning process. Stakeholders included business owners, non-profit representatives, Alyeska Resort, Forest Fair volunteers, educational institutions, and residents, both long-term and recent. In addition, a business-specific survey was distributed through Visit Girdwood, with some of the key responses highlighted below. The following summary highlights key feedback from these interviews.



Girdwood Park

- Trail and bridge improvements in Forest Fair Park
- Improve parking lot safety for bikes and children
- Reorganize parking to be more efficient
- Reroute disc golf course



System Wide

- More Wayfinding/Signage
- Improve pedestrian connectivity
- Add more neighborhood parks or pocket parks
- More trash cans
- Provide potable water
- Improve restroom facilities
- Provide year-round restrooms



Maintenance

- Need to maintain existing facilities
- Protect and maintain Athabaskan trail



Desired Facilities

- Pump track
- Expanded skate park
- Ice rink
- Swimming pool
- Recreation/Community center
- Designated bonfire location
- More covered facilities



Other Issues

- Concerns about e-bikes/one-wheel conflicts on trails
- Concerns about HLB land being developed
- Dog waste is an issue

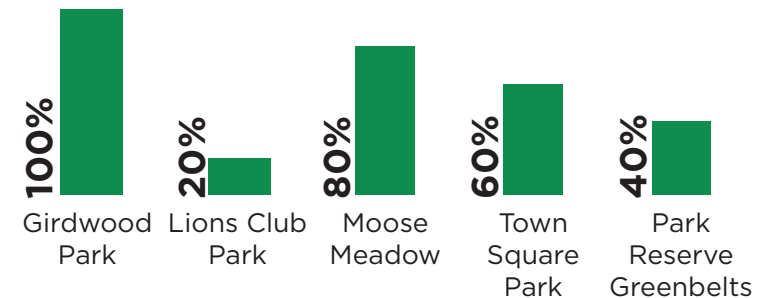
Business Survey Questions



How does your business or your clients currently use Girdwood Parks?



What parks in Girdwood does your business or your clients use?



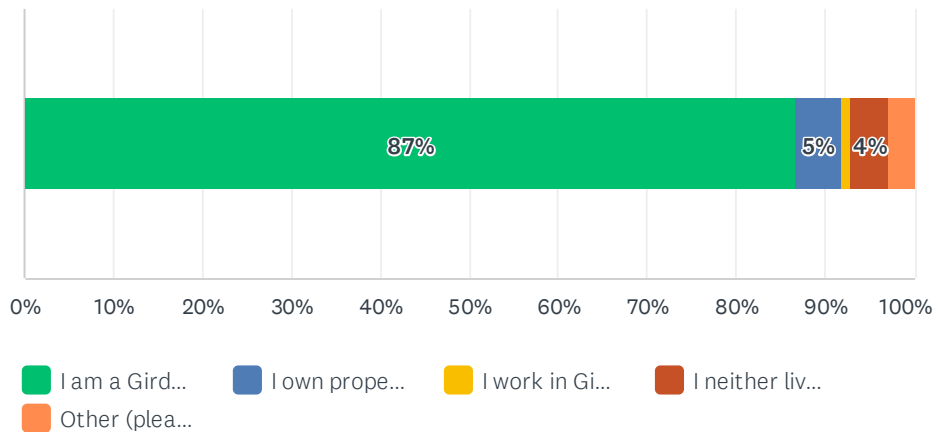
What concerns do you have about the future of Girdwood's park system?



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Q1 What is your relationship to the Girdwood park system?

Answered: 210 Skipped: 0



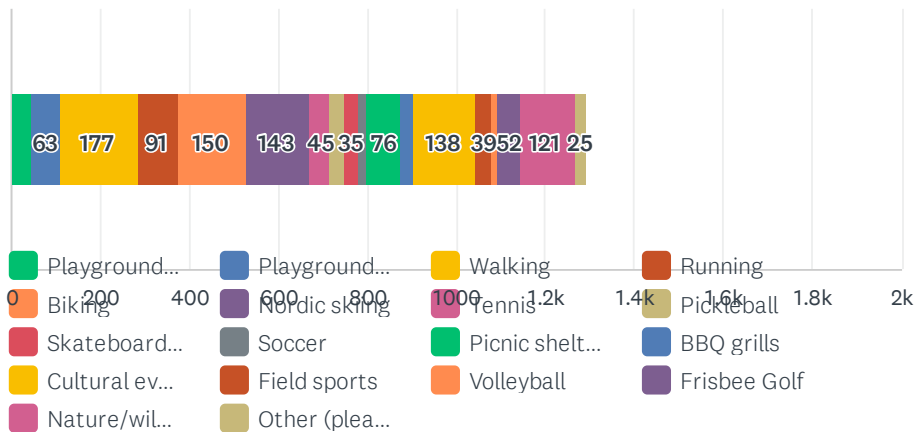
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am a Girdwood resident (1)	87%	182
I own property in Girdwood, but don't reside there full time (2)	5%	11
I work in Girdwood, but reside outside of Girdwood (3)	1%	2
I neither live or work in Girdwood, but come to Girdwood for recreation (4)	4%	9
Other (please specify) (5)	3%	6
TOTAL		210

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	5.00	1.00	1.31	0.91

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	housesit in Girdwood regularly	8/23/2025 4:01 PM
2	I grew up in girdwood and my parents still live there. Also lived there for 26 years	8/15/2025 9:15 PM
3	None	7/30/2025 8:57 PM
4	Currently w lork for AWCC and rent a condo in Girdwood. Was a full time resident of Girdwood for 30 plus years.	7/23/2025 8:19 PM
5	I am a displaced community member. Resident for 20 years.	7/22/2025 1:47 PM
6	Four valleys resident- Indian and work in Girdwood	7/22/2025 1:17 PM

Q2 I use the Girdwood park system for: (Check all that apply)

Answered: 210 Skipped: 0



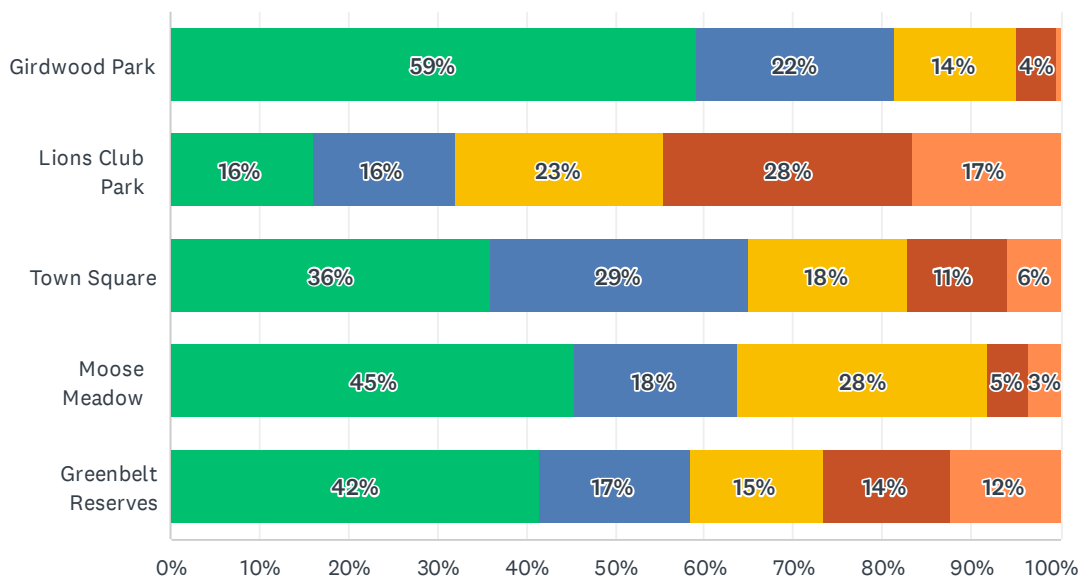
ANSWER CHOICES	PERCENTAGE	RESPONSES
Playground (2-5 year olds) (1)	22%	46
Playground (over five year olds) (2)	30%	63
Walking (3)	84%	177
Running (4)	43%	91
Biking (5)	71%	150
Nordic skiing (6)	68%	143
Tennis (7)	21%	45
Pickleball (8)	16%	33
Skateboarding (9)	17%	35
Soccer (10)	8%	16
Picnic shelters (11)	36%	76
BBQ grills (12)	14%	29
Cultural events (festivals/markets) (13)	66%	138
Field sports (14)	19%	39
Volleyball (15)	6%	12
Frisbee Golf (16)	25%	52
Nature/wildlife viewing (17)	58%	121
Other (please specify) (18)	12%	25
Total Respondents: 210		

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BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum 1.00	Maximum 18.00	Median 6.00	Mean 8.34	Standard Deviation 5.17
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE		
1	Dog walking, birding, boating	8/25/2025 9:36 AM		
2	Quiet space	8/24/2025 10:04 PM		
3	Walking my dog	8/24/2025 7:09 PM		
4	Astrophotography	8/24/2025 6:15 PM		
5	dog walking	8/23/2025 4:17 PM		
6	Playing with my dog	8/22/2025 10:05 AM		
7	Foraging	8/22/2025 9:30 AM		
8	Kickball	8/22/2025 8:40 AM		
9	dog walking	8/19/2025 7:32 PM		
10	Baseball	8/17/2025 12:02 AM		
11	Mushrooms	8/16/2025 6:21 PM		
12	dog poop walks	8/16/2025 1:18 PM		
13	Walking my dog	8/15/2025 5:40 PM		
14	Baseball/Softball	8/15/2025 4:17 PM		
15	Grooming trails during winter	8/4/2025 10:32 PM		
16	Paragliding!	8/2/2025 11:46 AM		
17	Lions Park for Lions summer meetings	8/1/2025 9:45 AM		
18	Hiking	7/30/2025 4:15 PM		
19	Farmers Market @ Town Square	7/26/2025 8:40 AM		
20	hiking	7/24/2025 6:22 PM		
21	spiritual activities	7/24/2025 2:12 PM		
22	Playing Music on the Stage at Forest Fair	7/23/2025 10:44 AM		
23	Meditation	7/23/2025 9:59 AM		
24	Woodcarving, berry picking,	7/22/2025 8:56 PM		
25	Baseball	7/22/2025 1:17 PM		

Q3 How frequently do you visit the following parks?

Answered: 209 Skipped: 1



■ Weekly or ...
 ■ Monthly
 ■ Seasonally ...
 ■ Rarely (<3 t...
 ■ Never

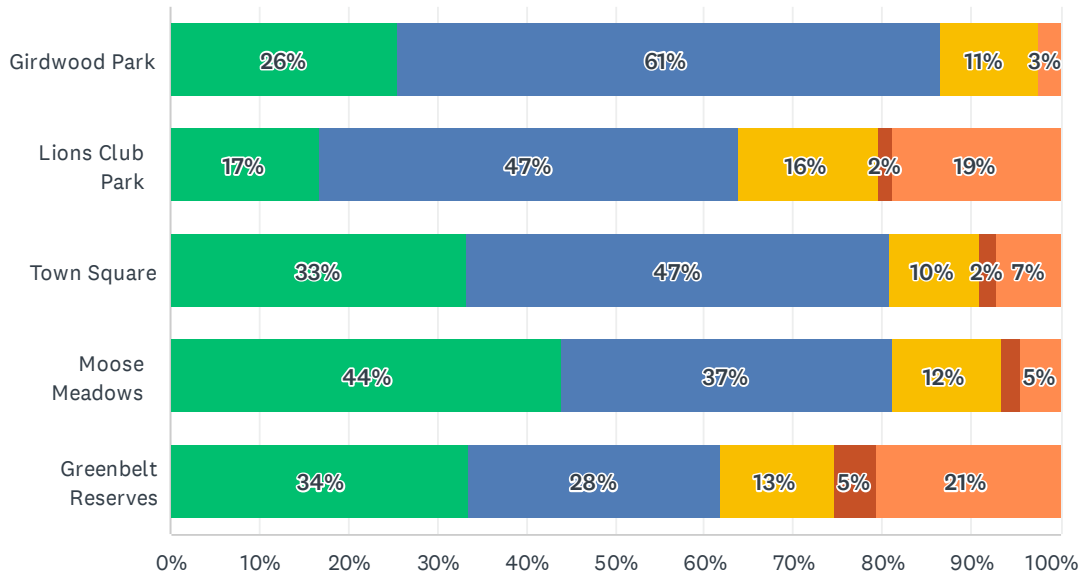
	WEEKLY OR MORE (1)	MONTHLY (2)	SEASONALLY (APPROXIMATELY 4 TIMES PER YEAR) (3)	RARELY (<3 TIMES PER YEAR) (4)	NEVER (5)	TOTAL
Girdwood Park	59% 121	22% 46	14% 28	4% 9	0% 1	205
Lions Club Park	16% 31	16% 31	23% 45	28% 54	17% 32	193
Town Square	36% 73	29% 59	18% 36	11% 23	6% 12	203
Moose Meadow	45% 94	18% 38	28% 58	5% 10	3% 7	207
Greenbelt Reserves	42% 81	17% 33	15% 29	14% 28	12% 24	195

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BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
Girdwood Park	1.00	5.00	1.00	1.65	0.91
Lions Club Park	1.00	5.00	3.00	3.13	1.32
Town Square	1.00	5.00	2.00	2.22	1.21
Moose Meadow	1.00	5.00	2.00	2.02	1.11
Greenbelt Reserves	1.00	5.00	2.00	2.39	1.45

Q4 How would you grade each of these 5 parks?

Answered: 203 Skipped: 7



■ ★★★★★ ...
 ■ ★★★★★ 3 ...
 ■ ★★★ 2 Sta...
 ■ ★ 1 Star - ...
 ■ No answer/...

	★★★★★ 4 STARS - NO IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED (1)	★★★★★ 3 STARS - MINOR IMPROVEMENTS (2)	★★★ 2 STARS - MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS (3)	★ 1 STAR - NOT CURRENTLY FUNCTIONING (4)	NO ANSWER/NEVER VISIT (5)	TOTAL
Girdwood Park	26% 51	61% 122	11% 22	0% 0	3% 5	200
Lions Club Park	17% 33	47% 92	16% 31	2% 3	19% 37	196
Town Square	33% 66	47% 94	10% 20	2% 4	7% 14	198
Moose Meadows	44% 86	37% 73	12% 24	2% 4	5% 9	196
Greenbelt Reserves	34% 65	28% 55	13% 25	5% 9	21% 40	194

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BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
Girdwood Park	1.00	5.00	2.00	1.93	0.76
Lions Club Park	1.00	5.00	2.00	2.59	1.32
Town Square	1.00	5.00	2.00	2.02	1.07
Moose Meadows	1.00	5.00	2.00	1.86	1.02
Greenbelt Reserves	1.00	5.00	2.00	2.51	1.50

Q5 If you rated Girdwood Park as less than 4 stars, please indicate what you find to be of issue. (Enter the issue in one of the categories below, or skip if none apply)

Answered: 113 Skipped: 97

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Play equipment (please specify the issue)	24%	27
Forest Fair grounds (please specify the issue)	34%	38
Skateboard park (please specify the issue)	27%	30
Tennis courts (please specify the issue)	26%	29
Restrooms (please specify the issue)	52%	59
Ballfields (please specify the issue)	18%	20
Amenities (please specify the issue)	20%	23
Parking lot (please specify the issue)	15%	17
Conflict between users (please specify the issue)	21%	24
Other (please specify the issue)	21%	24

#	PLAY EQUIPMENT (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Maintenance and ugrades	8/24/2025 7:09 PM
2	Maintained well, but we could always have less paint chips	8/22/2025 10:58 AM
3	Pickle Ball courts would be very welcome	8/22/2025 10:37 AM
4	Perhaps add space for fixed fitness equipment.	8/22/2025 9:37 AM
5	It gets heavy use and is aging	8/22/2025 6:55 AM
6	Updated equipment	8/20/2025 3:28 PM
7	More dispersed, not just at the playground. Active play/climbing structures through forest fair area.	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
8	It is starting to age as the wood and structures get hammered by weather	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
9	needs more/fresh wood chips	8/16/2025 2:20 PM
10	The playground needs to be painted/upkeep and some parts were never finished being painted when we built it	8/15/2025 9:08 PM
11	Play area should be updated and painted	8/9/2025 11:27 AM
12	fill in wood chips and sand box when possible	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
13	Up keep , more wood chips additional seating for grandparents additional picnic tables, add more sand to sandbox, new sand toys, painting	8/8/2025 1:30 PM
14	One entrance and exit so parents can feel more security with small children playing.	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
15	Broken equipment	8/3/2025 3:53 PM
16	no issue	8/2/2025 8:30 PM

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17	Minor refurbishment needed	8/2/2025 11:46 AM
18	Needs updating and constant checking for children's safety	8/1/2025 9:45 AM
19	Fresh coat of paint	7/25/2025 3:20 PM
20	some could be replaced	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
21	Train is in need of repair and paint. Climbing holds loose or missing	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
22	Refresh needed	7/23/2025 8:17 PM
23	None	7/23/2025 5:34 PM
24	Needs pickle ball courts	7/23/2025 5:08 PM
25	limit use, needs to have more ADA friendly equipment	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
26	Having one entrance to the playground	7/23/2025 9:44 AM
27	Could use updates. Would love better sightlines to the skate park	7/22/2025 1:41 PM
#	FOREST FAIR GROUNDS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	River bank protection; flooding	8/25/2025 9:36 AM
2	New trails are uneven and hard to walk on	8/25/2025 12:46 AM
3	Parking and expanded improvements like a dog park	8/24/2025 7:09 PM
4	Enhancement to California creek access opened up.	8/22/2025 9:37 AM
5	Too muddy	8/22/2025 9:30 AM
6	It is fine, but is sometimes muddy and slippery	8/22/2025 6:55 AM
7	None	8/20/2025 3:28 PM
8	Flooding is sometimes an issue.	8/19/2025 7:32 PM
9	Add art installations, play areas, planted grass in areas so you can play and not roll around in pushki	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
10	Some recreational features linked to the trails	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
11	paths could use some maintenance	8/16/2025 7:24 AM
12	could use more frequent maintenance than the forest fair brushing and permanent bathrooms	8/15/2025 2:48 PM
13	More outdoor sitting area. Picnic tables and benches:	8/14/2025 5:03 PM
14	Refresh current infrastructure, improve water drainage.	8/14/2025 12:09 PM
15	There is a danger of long-term deforestation of Forest Fair park. Trees are being cut down and not regrown. We should start doing some replanting to make sure it maintains its forested feel for generations to come.	8/11/2025 2:16 PM
16	Drainage could be improved in this section - can get quite muddy	8/10/2025 4:09 PM
17	Beer garden area erosion is bad, heaves in pavement, pavilions rotting/need work	8/6/2025 8:39 PM
18	A few picnic tables scattered throughout would be nice and would help increase usability	8/5/2025 10:59 AM
19	More maintenance of the frisbee golf course	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
20	Walking paths	8/3/2025 3:53 PM
21	weedwack frisbee golf more	8/2/2025 8:30 PM
22	Checking that no one is camping and no loud music after hours. Kyle does an excellent job!	8/1/2025 9:45 AM
23	More power	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
24	Add large rap rock to keep the the creek from washing into the Forest Fair Beer Garden etc area. Mitigate the flooding potential into the park	7/26/2025 8:40 AM

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25	Please address flooding issues with retainment and divergence.	7/25/2025 6:04 PM
26	Concrete paved walkway are aging	7/25/2025 12:03 PM
27	Better signage needed	7/25/2025 9:21 AM
28	we are losing trees rapidly and not planting any young ones. Not going to be a "forest" park for next generation	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
29	Additional bear proof food containers if you seriously want people to use them.	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
30	Walkways widened.	7/23/2025 10:12 PM
31	Plenty of area to have a fun MTB loop with ramps & features. (Ex: Bentonville)	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
32	Great!	7/23/2025 5:34 PM
33	Flood mitigation	7/23/2025 5:10 PM
34	Camping is needed in Girdwood and for Forest Fair	7/23/2025 10:44 AM
35	not very ADA accessible,	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
36	Bathroom	7/22/2025 10:49 PM
37	Large dead trees should be removed	7/22/2025 9:44 PM
38	Toilet	7/22/2025 12:54 PM
#	SKATEBOARD PARK (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Expand and update	8/24/2025 7:09 PM
2	I hope that we can oneday get a modern concrete park	8/22/2025 10:58 AM
3	Add a bowl feature	8/22/2025 9:12 AM
4	Kids make trash	8/22/2025 8:40 AM
5	Also it gets heavy use just needs to be monitored for sharp edges etc	8/22/2025 6:55 AM
6	Need some covered space	8/22/2025 6:38 AM
7	Concrete park needed	8/20/2025 6:12 PM
8	None	8/20/2025 3:28 PM
9	Concrete. A bowl.	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
10	Concrete	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
11	roof in skatepark, concrete section	8/16/2025 2:20 PM
12	update ramps & concrete surface	8/15/2025 2:48 PM
13	kept very tidy and needs recycling	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
14	More benches for grandparents	8/8/2025 1:30 PM
15	Has a concrete park been considered?	8/8/2025 8:52 AM
16	Need bike rack(s) for park	8/6/2025 8:39 PM
17	Removal of the old tennis court fence would improve Functionality of the Skatepark by eliminating the option for parents of young children to be loose in their creating a safety issue. Additionally, the Skatepark is one of the most used parts of the park, expanding this with the addition of a concrete Skatepark would be a highly used space.	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
18	It needs a roof and a bike park	8/4/2025 12:08 PM
19	take down the fence so parents have to watch there kids instead of letting them climb on the ramps, also rebuild the park with cement and put a bowl in.	8/2/2025 8:30 PM
20	I don't visit here	8/1/2025 9:45 AM

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21	Needs a cover for more year round use, Concrete features	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
22	new benches-	7/28/2025 10:58 PM
23	needs better ramps, could use cover	7/26/2025 2:05 PM
24	great	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
25	I would love to see the Mini Pipe and Big pipe be Extended on the right side of both pipes and we would love to have a roof over the skate park if possible	7/24/2025 11:34 AM
26	Modern skatepark with bowls (Ex: Banff)	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
27	Space for little kids	7/23/2025 8:17 PM
28	None	7/23/2025 5:34 PM
29	Swearing	7/22/2025 1:41 PM
30	Need a facility for smaller kids- bike pump track	7/22/2025 1:36 PM
#	TENNIS COURTS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Should be pickleball friendly	8/24/2025 7:42 PM
2	could easily be used for Pickleball as well, this is done in many other places	8/24/2025 7:35 PM
3	Expand and updat2	8/24/2025 7:09 PM
4	They are great. Please maintain the courts as they are now. If people are interested in additional pickle ball areas, please do that away from the tennis courts.	8/23/2025 4:17 PM
5	I believe there is a bit of controversy between tennis players and pickleball players. I know there are a lot of pickle ballers in the valley	8/22/2025 6:55 AM
6	Add dedicated pickleball courts	8/21/2025 10:16 AM
7	Na	8/20/2025 3:28 PM
8	These are tennis courts. Pickleball should have a separate designated area.	8/17/2025 7:37 PM
9	No one uses them	8/16/2025 6:21 PM
10	should allow for pickle ball to also be played. The pitch when it was improved is that it would be multi-use and our small town doesn't need to courts. Both should be able to play there	8/15/2025 9:08 PM
11	Wish there were more, often availability issues or little bears has kids running in there.	8/14/2025 7:03 AM
12	Cleanliness	8/11/2025 10:41 PM
13	Will need to be repainted in a year or two due to cracking from 2019 earthquake.	8/11/2025 4:36 PM
14	courts look great this year!	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
15	I would like to see the tennis court area turned into concrete Skatepark and a new tennis court/Pickleball court area be moved over to Girdwood K-8 school.	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
16	I don't visit here	8/1/2025 9:45 AM
17	need to add pickleball use of these courts	7/28/2025 10:58 PM
18	Expand to add pickle ball	7/28/2025 7:19 PM
19	Tennis courts could use pickleball lines and get a lot more use. The Muni is starting to put lines on courts in town. Our courts will get a lot more use if they could be used for pickleball.	7/26/2025 10:08 AM
20	Best in the state	7/25/2025 10:18 AM
21	The courts are great and should be maintained as-is. They are frequently used by Girdwood residents and visitors alike. They are a draw for our community.	7/24/2025 2:23 PM
22	great	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
23	Resurfacing more regularly.	7/23/2025 9:05 PM

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24	Add pickleball lines	7/23/2025 6:57 PM
25	Please for the love of everything put in a pickleball court or lines	7/23/2025 5:34 PM
26	Needs pickle ball courts	7/23/2025 5:08 PM
27	Addition of, and allowance of, pickleball on the courts, occasionally	7/23/2025 5:06 PM
28	Not utilizing to maximum potential	7/23/2025 5:00 PM
29	Need pickleball courts	7/23/2025 11:36 AM
#	RESTROOMS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Replace porta potties with permanent structure	8/24/2025 10:04 PM
2	Actually water fed restrooms instead of porta potties	8/24/2025 7:09 PM
3	Need for permanent restroom	8/24/2025 11:07 AM
4	wish there were portapotties available in some trailhead areas.	8/23/2025 4:01 PM
5	Proper amenities block needed.	8/22/2025 5:20 PM
6	We need permanent restrooms at the Girdwood park and town square	8/22/2025 10:58 AM
7	Cleanliness	8/22/2025 10:05 AM
8	permanent vault toilets	8/22/2025 9:12 AM
9	Park needs permanent restrooms	8/22/2025 8:40 AM
10	It would be great to have restrooms other than portapotties	8/20/2025 10:45 PM
11	Need permanent facilities	8/20/2025 3:28 PM
12	Desperately need permanent bath rooms for the public!	8/19/2025 10:20 AM
13	We need restrooms not porta potties	8/18/2025 5:45 PM
14	Not permanent	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
15	Shitty outhouses	8/16/2025 6:21 PM
16	It would be nice to have actual flush toilets near the Merc	8/16/2025 3:12 PM
17	need a permanent structure	8/16/2025 2:20 PM
18	permanent restrooms	8/16/2025 7:24 AM
19	Very limited	8/15/2025 10:33 PM
20	Would love to get rid of portopotties and have a permanent outhouse	8/15/2025 9:08 PM
21	permanent restrooms	8/15/2025 2:48 PM
22	Need physical restrooms apposed to portable.	8/14/2025 5:03 PM
23	Year round pit toilets	8/14/2025 10:54 AM
24	Need more than just porta potties.	8/14/2025 7:03 AM
25	Permanent restroom facility would be ideal	8/13/2025 5:18 PM
26	Difficult to keep them clean and stocks with paper due to heavy usage.	8/11/2025 4:36 PM
27	Permanent bathrooms (not a port-a-potty) by the playground would be great.	8/10/2025 4:09 PM
28	Install a real restroom instead of sanicans	8/9/2025 11:27 AM
29	Permanent latrines would be great, that could then be pumped	8/9/2025 10:26 AM
30	vault/pit toilet for permanent use is ideal	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
31	Where are they?	8/6/2025 8:39 PM

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32	Build a permanent restroom block!	8/5/2025 10:59 AM
33	No issue.	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
34	Old	8/3/2025 3:53 PM
35	Out house Vaulted toilets/ Men's and Ladies	8/2/2025 8:20 AM
36	I'm glad porta potties are available	8/1/2025 9:45 AM
37	Access year round	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
38	Actual restrooms	7/30/2025 12:16 PM
39	Yes please	7/29/2025 5:41 PM
40	add outdoor handwashing station (not just at Forest Fair)	7/28/2025 10:58 PM
41	not enough	7/26/2025 2:05 PM
42	Permanent vault toilets instead of rent a cans	7/25/2025 10:18 AM
43	permanent restrooms would be ideal	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
44	Need more and better restrooms	7/24/2025 5:53 AM
45	What restrooms???	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
46	Nice permanent public restrooms	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
47	Add permanent restrooms	7/23/2025 6:57 PM
48	We need real restrooms, no porta potty's	7/23/2025 6:53 PM
49	Needs restrooms	7/23/2025 6:51 PM
50	Good, sometimes unclean	7/23/2025 5:34 PM
51	The campground and the playground need vault toilets, not porta-potties	7/23/2025 12:46 PM
52	Further restrooms needed	7/23/2025 10:44 AM
53	Needs to be more permanent	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
54	Nice to have actual restrooms	7/23/2025 9:44 AM
55	Need some	7/22/2025 10:49 PM
56	WE NEED PUBLIC RESTROOMS	7/22/2025 2:26 PM
57	Often out of sanitizer.	7/22/2025 1:41 PM
58	Restrooms needed	7/22/2025 1:34 PM
59	Permanent public restrooms would be nice- pit toilet	7/22/2025 1:17 PM
#	BALLFIELDS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Expanded seating, maybe a score board	8/24/2025 7:09 PM
2	Batting cage and more enforcement of dogs on field	8/22/2025 9:12 AM
3	Ok.	8/22/2025 6:55 AM
4	Covered training space	8/22/2025 6:38 AM
5	There isn't a field for sports other than baseball	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
6	Turf fields	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
7	improve grass quality	8/15/2025 2:48 PM
8	improvements look great	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
9	No issue.	8/4/2025 12:31 PM

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10	I do not visit the area	8/1/2025 9:45 AM
11	use by dog owners	7/27/2025 7:17 PM
12	Maintain the garden beds next to the dugouts and backstop. Trim out the alders cotton wood brush	7/26/2025 8:40 AM
13	Resurfacing of infield.	7/25/2025 10:18 AM
14	great	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
15	Parking	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
16	No chain link. Use brick, stone, or log.	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
17	Fine	7/23/2025 5:34 PM
18	Dog poop	7/22/2025 1:41 PM
19	Paved parking around ball field	7/22/2025 1:17 PM
20	More top soil	7/22/2025 12:54 PM

#	AMENITIES (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
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1	Dog park and water access	8/24/2025 7:09 PM
2	I would like to see a place to post community-notices in the park. Maybe near KEUL.	8/23/2025 4:17 PM
3	Permanent public bathrooms	8/19/2025 10:20 AM
4	Build a pump track!	8/18/2025 3:48 AM
5	more benches	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
6	No real bathrooms	8/16/2025 6:21 PM
7	sit down benches. older people like to stop and sit a minute. there are few places to sit on our trails.	8/16/2025 3:12 PM
8	maybe more picnic tables	8/16/2025 7:24 AM
9	More benches	8/11/2025 12:40 PM
10	The campground is sad.	8/9/2025 10:26 AM
11	recycling in addition to trash	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
12	additional garbage collection, or larger/more receptacles would be a benefit.	8/8/2025 8:52 AM
13	Lack of benches/seating; makes it hard for elders	8/6/2025 8:39 PM
14	Benches haphazard	8/3/2025 3:53 PM
15	I'm glad Lions Park JT Trautner Pavillion will finally be built! Thank you Kyle for helping push this through!!	8/1/2025 9:45 AM
16	Please develop a pump track for younger bike riders.	7/25/2025 6:04 PM
17	nice to have access to potable water. I hope there is still access after Little Bears moves.	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
18	Pump track needed to be designed and built	7/24/2025 5:53 AM
19	There are no drinking fountains besides the water hose on the back side of old city hall.	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
20	So much potential to meet community needs.	7/23/2025 10:12 PM
21	Pickleball courts	7/23/2025 9:31 PM
22	New modern concession stand.	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
23	Good	7/23/2025 5:34 PM

#	PARKING LOT (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
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1	During events expanded parking is needed	8/24/2025 7:09 PM
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2	Parking spaces could be better defined - an issue on busy days.	8/23/2025 4:17 PM
3	Could improve the parking	8/22/2025 6:38 AM
4	Paved	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
5	parking needs upgrades	8/16/2025 7:24 AM
6	Very limited	8/15/2025 10:33 PM
7	Parking area could be improved	8/15/2025 9:08 PM
8	The campground is confusing. More signs. It's our only campground in Girdwood!	8/9/2025 10:26 AM
9	More parking	8/8/2025 1:30 PM
10	Lack of parking near playground. Gets busy in summer.	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
11	Minor improvements needed around parking areas	7/25/2025 10:18 AM
12	fine, could be better delineated	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
13	Limited and with lacking signage	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
14	Lines stripped	7/23/2025 5:34 PM
15	There is potential safety issues for kids accessing the playground when the parking area is ill defined and there is no designated path for where kids cross through the car traffic to the playground/park	7/23/2025 12:46 PM
16	Needs to be less dusty and fix the holes	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
17	No signage on preferred parking order so gets crazy with out of town visitors	7/22/2025 1:41 PM
#	CONFLICT BETWEEN USERS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Tennis players vs Pickleball players	8/24/2025 7:35 PM
2	Dog owners believe it's okay to ignore signage and let dogs run in ball field as long as they pick up poop. But urine and other conflicts ruin the field	8/22/2025 9:12 AM
3	Park needs pickleball courts	8/22/2025 8:40 AM
4	feel like disrupting disc golf	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
5	Pickleballers take over the courts	8/17/2025 7:37 PM
6	Move all disc golf holes to the south with the back nine	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
7	tennis and pickle ball share the court	8/15/2025 9:08 PM
8	The tennis courts should be protected as tennis courts. Pickleball lines and modifications for other uses should not be added to them. We should endeavor to build a separate facility for pickleball and/or other racquet/paddle uses. There is a definite need for a covered year-round combined racquet/paddle/padel/pickle/squash/basket/volley ball sports facility.	8/11/2025 4:36 PM
9	The tennis courts are great as they are, tops in the State, and are highly regarded and used by many people. They should be kept as they are and not modified e.g. through pickleball lines or other uses. That would degrade the tennis experience, and we are already seeing damage to the courts and court equipment from other uses (e.g. pickleball players damaging the nets, people riding bikes on the courts, etc.)	8/11/2025 2:16 PM
10	motorized use, dogs off leash/on leash, pick up after dogs	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
11	Pickleball v tennis	8/8/2025 1:30 PM
12	Tennis court should share with Pickle ball, paint lines	8/7/2025 4:16 PM
13	Small children using the Skatepark creates a hazard for both skateboarders and small children.	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
14	Frisbee / Pavilion users	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
15	Tennis/pickleball, frisbee golf/non-players	7/27/2025 7:17 PM

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16	pickel ball and tennis need to get along	7/26/2025 2:05 PM
17	Tennis players should allow pickleball players to use the courts with permanent lines on at least one court.	7/26/2025 10:08 AM
18	Control bikes zooming around. Its dangerous !	7/26/2025 8:40 AM
19	Kids have been approached by drug dealers	7/25/2025 9:21 AM
20	not everyone respects the rules of the tennis courts.	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
21	Tennis and pickleball users	7/23/2025 6:57 PM
22	Tennis players against pickleball players	7/23/2025 6:53 PM
23	Tennis players won't let us on the courts for pickleball	7/23/2025 5:34 PM
24	I have had negative encounters with people living in vehicles parked at the pavilion - their dogs have acted aggressive towards me and my dog and they were taking up the entire pavilion rendering it unavailable for use by any other groups.	7/22/2025 1:06 PM
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	signage on some trails (like the ones to Ragged Top, etc.)	8/23/2025 4:01 PM
2	Covered areas? Lighting?	8/22/2025 8:40 AM
3	RV park, dog park, pump track	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
4	Just making sure its consistently being kept clean and safe is all	8/15/2025 9:15 PM
5	It would be nice to have a fenced area for off leash dogs	8/15/2025 5:40 PM
6	Expand the amount of available camping perhaps?	8/10/2025 4:09 PM
7	need signage	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
8	Bear totems need some TLC and plaques or something to recognize the people they memorialize	8/6/2025 8:39 PM
9	I would like to see the neighborhood trails that are already established and used be maintained in order to connect various parts of our community. For example, the trail that goes under the bridge over to cabana land is full of old nail ridden, pallets, etc., and creates a bit of a danger. Having established trails that are maintained would be wonderful. If we could cross country ski on them, that would be a bonus, although I wouldn't recommend that one by the creek for that.	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
10	Margaret does a marvelous job with the flowers!! The early Spring flowers are beautiful as are all the planters. Thank you for coordinating the volunteers with the planters!!	8/1/2025 9:45 AM
11	Frisbee course stretches over 3 different parcels and a current/future road	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
12	Better disc golf tee pads	7/30/2025 12:16 PM
13	Some of the mosaics need some love!	7/30/2025 11:45 AM
14	could use a dog park area	7/27/2025 7:17 PM
15	frisbe and forest fair park user conflicts. near misses with kids and discs. demeanor of frisbee folks detriment to family use of park and ballfield. Nissman pavillion smoker hangout	7/26/2025 2:05 PM
16	Add gravel to muddy areas, improve the walking area paths.	7/26/2025 8:40 AM
17	Girdwood park is pretty great, there has been a lot of improvements over the last 20 years.	7/24/2025 10:56 PM
18	Pumptrack?	7/24/2025 6:22 PM
19	While there is already access to both indoor and outdoor pickle ball courts in Girdwood, if people want even more they should be separate from the tennis courts. Any new pickle ball should be a dedicated space and not near tennis.	7/24/2025 2:23 PM
20	I miss the horseshoe pits. A concrete pingpong ball table, like they have at park strip, would be fun.Pickleball should have it's own, separate court, away from tennis. There should be a sign that pickleball courts are over at the school.	7/24/2025 2:12 PM

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21	drainage/surface could improve	7/24/2025 7:32 AM
22	This area should be used far more than just for the GFF. The fair facilities could be part of an increased arts emphasis in Girdwood.	7/23/2025 10:12 PM
23	Demo the old fire station and old Little Bears, once the new childcare facility is operational.	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
24	California Creek mitigation, to less the events of flooding.	7/23/2025 6:51 PM

Q6 If you rated Lions Club Park as less than 4 stars, please indicate what you find to be of issue. (Enter the issue in one of the categories below, or skip if none apply)

Answered: 62 Skipped: 148

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
BBQ/picnic stations (please specify the issue)	32%	20
Restrooms (please specify the issue)	52%	32
Parking (please specify the issue)	18%	11
Conflict between users (please specify the issue)	3%	2
Other (please specify the issue)	39%	24

#	BBQ/PICNIC STATIONS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	expanded day use, more picnic tables	8/25/2025 9:36 AM
2	Each picnic area should have its own small shelter	8/25/2025 12:46 AM
3	The new picnic shelter will make a big difference	8/22/2025 6:55 AM
4	Wish they were in the sun	8/21/2025 1:32 PM
5	Would be great to have a covered area	8/20/2025 10:45 PM
6	Increase areas visibility and accessibility for usage by tourists	8/20/2025 6:12 PM
7	rickety, needs maintenance	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
8	Nice	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
9	Pavilion needed	8/15/2025 7:52 PM
10	More covered shelters would be great!	8/10/2025 4:09 PM
11	Needs a pavilion	8/8/2025 5:37 PM
12	Nobody really uses it except for a few times a year maybe a pavilion?	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
13	No need for a shelter. Have three pavilions for use already.	8/2/2025 8:20 AM
14	additional picnic tables per BBQ	7/30/2025 1:05 PM
15	Limited though improved over the years.	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
16	This park needs an engaging anchor to make it relevant.	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
17	Shelter would be very useful and welcome	7/23/2025 5:35 PM
18	see above	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
19	Some more picnic tables	7/23/2025 9:44 AM
20	Clean up	7/22/2025 12:54 PM

#	RESTROOMS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Proper amenities block needed	8/22/2025 5:20 PM
2	Guests could use permanent restrooms in Girdwood Park if across the street	8/22/2025 8:40 AM
3	A porta potty might be good for when the library is not open	8/22/2025 6:55 AM

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4	i had no idea there were restrooms here	8/22/2025 6:36 AM
5	Have an area for portapotty	8/20/2025 6:12 PM
6	Need	8/18/2025 9:19 PM
7	Permanent restrooms	8/18/2025 5:45 PM
8	Need. Dedicated one for this park	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
9	need a restroom	8/16/2025 2:20 PM
10	needs a restroom	8/16/2025 7:24 AM
11	What restroom?	8/15/2025 7:52 PM
12	Year round pit toilets	8/14/2025 10:54 AM
13	Permanent public restrooms are needed	8/13/2025 5:18 PM
14	Yes please!	8/10/2025 4:09 PM
15	Lacks restrooms, would be great to have one.	8/9/2025 11:27 AM
16	vault/pit toilet permanent nearby is ideal	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
17	Needs a bathroom	8/8/2025 5:37 PM
18	A permanent restroom block in Girdwood Park would help this park area too.	8/5/2025 10:59 AM
19	Permanent outhouse toilets	8/2/2025 8:20 AM
20	Perhaps Portugal's closer to this area??	8/1/2025 9:45 AM
21	Lack of	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
22	More accessible bathroom, prefer same side of street	7/30/2025 1:05 PM
23	Yes please	7/29/2025 5:41 PM
24	There are no permanent rest rooms and only few portable toilets available outside community center hours.	7/25/2025 6:04 PM
25	No restrooms	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
26	Permanent public restrooms.	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
27	Add permanent restrooms	7/23/2025 6:57 PM
28	Need restrooms.	7/23/2025 6:51 PM
29	would be nice to have one nearby	7/23/2025 5:35 PM
30	Vault toilets would be nice here too.	7/23/2025 12:46 PM
31	see above	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
32	WE NEED PUBLIC RESTROOMS	7/22/2025 2:26 PM
#	PARKING (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Not a lot. Ok for now unless the use gets heavier.	8/22/2025 6:55 AM
2	Paved	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
3	More parking	8/8/2025 1:30 PM
4	Very limited parking w/o blocking bike trail	8/1/2025 9:45 AM
5	Lack of	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
6	Parking on the bike path with a limited gravel pad and no signage	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
7	Fix dip in pavement in the middle of parking area	7/23/2025 6:57 PM
8	expanded parking needed	7/23/2025 5:35 PM

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9	The bike path turns into a parking lot by the Park and in front of the Community Center. There needs to be parking with the bike path routed between the parking and the river, separate from cars.	7/23/2025 12:46 PM
10	see above	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
11	More clear parking area, it can be confusing to visitors	7/22/2025 1:17 PM
#	CONFLICT BETWEEN USERS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Large tour groups stop and use the site.	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
2	There are conflicts between tennis players and pickleball players	7/23/2025 12:49 PM
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Preserve the trees please	8/24/2025 10:04 PM
2	The John Trautner Pavillion will be a wonderful addition to this park	8/24/2025 7:35 PM
3	Open up access to creek or boardwalk view area, bench's there	8/22/2025 9:37 AM
4	Add river access	8/22/2025 8:40 AM
5	Sure would be cool if there were a whitewater park on Glacier Creek there	8/22/2025 6:38 AM
6	i just think it could be made to look less like a random spot and more like an actual park	8/22/2025 6:36 AM
7	Could use a shelter	8/20/2025 3:28 PM
8	Cut trees needs sun	8/20/2025 7:24 AM
9	not much going on. Something like horseshoes might be nice?	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
10	grounds could be spruced up	8/16/2025 7:24 AM
11	It's fine, just seems like people don't use it much	8/9/2025 10:26 AM
12	A clearing or area that allowed access or view of Glacier Creek within the little park area— could be achieved with as little and cutting some trees between picnic area and creek. The trees make it kind of dark and unappealing. Opening up to some sun and creekside would make it more appealing.	8/5/2025 10:59 AM
13	Signage would help.	8/4/2025 10:32 PM
14	Under utilized space	8/2/2025 11:46 AM
15	add covered pavilion	7/28/2025 10:58 PM
16	More eye catching and inviting	7/28/2025 7:19 PM
17	Have not used it but support the Lions Park and the people who made it happen.	7/26/2025 8:40 AM
18	New Pavilion, better picnic tables, hardened trails to spots.	7/25/2025 10:18 AM
19	This Park could use a covered pavillion	7/24/2025 10:56 PM
20	no changes are needed here, other than people need to pick up their trash	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
21	Unclear intended purpose for this space	7/23/2025 8:17 PM
22	Good place for a pump track?	7/22/2025 8:56 PM
23	Seems severely underutilized and not appealing	7/22/2025 1:41 PM
24	Looking forward to the addition of a covered pavillion	7/22/2025 1:06 PM

Q7 If you rated Town Square Park as less than 4 stars, please indicate what you find to be of issue. (Enter the issue in one of the categories below, or skip if none apply)

Answered: 53 Skipped: 157

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Plaza areas (please specify the issue)	26%	14
Pathways (please specify the issue)	15%	8
Parking (please specify the issue)	6%	3
Amenities (please specify the issue)	28%	15
Lighting (please specify the issue)	15%	8
Conflict between users (please specify the issue)	2%	1
Other (please specify the issue)	45%	24

#	PLAZA AREAS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Utilize vacant property to expand gift shop and town square opportunities	8/24/2025 7:09 PM
2	It is nice, but unless you know it is there it is easy to miss	8/22/2025 6:55 AM
3	It doesn't feel very inviting. Tile is a bit dark and dreary in color.	8/19/2025 7:32 PM
4	Memorial wall here instead of cemeteries	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
5	No public restrooms	8/16/2025 6:21 PM
6	Seems to need some sprucing up	8/9/2025 10:26 AM
7	Upkeep of foliage	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
8	This would be a great place to have a pavilion an area where people could host music shows, etc.	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
9	More small businesses	7/28/2025 7:19 PM
10	needs more activation. easier permitting or group use of park promoted more?	7/26/2025 2:05 PM
11	Not very visible.	7/26/2025 10:08 AM
12	Add art, fountain, and/or gazebo	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
13	Area between chair 5 and clinic should be Dr rolled into intentional park space	7/23/2025 8:17 PM
14	More trash cans, and pickup trash more frequently	7/23/2025 9:55 AM

#	PATHWAYS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Dead trees	8/22/2025 11:28 AM
2	Roof slides onto walkways	8/21/2025 1:32 PM
3	Nice	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
4	Plants should be pruned and planting areas maintained.	8/9/2025 11:27 AM
5	landscaping welcoming	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
6	Open up entrance to welcome visitors	8/8/2025 1:30 PM

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7	better lighting in the dark	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
8	Better snow removal	7/22/2025 12:54 PM
#	PARKING (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Nobody is forced to plan for parking and results in the streets having no parking quickly.	8/21/2025 1:32 PM
2	Townsquare	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
3	Have designated spots, not use the restaurants parking	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
#	AMENITIES (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Sitting area: picnic tables	8/25/2025 9:36 AM
2	We need year round restrooms	8/22/2025 10:58 AM
3	Schedule community events	8/20/2025 7:24 AM
4	Need restrooms	8/18/2025 9:19 PM
5	Need restrooms	8/18/2025 5:45 PM
6	More Girdwood history displays	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
7	permanent bathrooms	8/15/2025 2:48 PM
8	Public restrooms	8/14/2025 10:54 AM
9	recycling plus trash available	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
10	Restroom picnic tables	8/8/2025 1:30 PM
11	More amenities please: benches, shelter	7/29/2025 5:41 PM
12	There's not much going on to warrant a return visit	7/25/2025 10:46 AM
13	Summer splash pad / covered public seating	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
14	Bathroom access	7/23/2025 10:12 AM
15	No restrooms during farmers market, etc.	7/22/2025 1:41 PM
#	LIGHTING (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Mm ore lights	8/22/2025 11:28 AM
2	I don't think it is used in winter. Lighting would be helpful	8/22/2025 6:55 AM
3	Good	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
4	lighting could be timed or solar powered	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
5	Add lights for winter in the trees. Keep the paths and area accessible during winter.	7/26/2025 8:40 AM
6	Engaging lighting displays all winter, especially at Christmas	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
7	Too dark in winter	7/23/2025 8:17 PM
8	Needs improvement in all facets of this issue.	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
#	CONFLICT BETWEEN USERS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	all ages welcome - life size chess used to be a draw	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Permanent winter holiday season community tree	8/24/2025 7:42 PM
2	needs more activation--no reason to go there	8/23/2025 4:01 PM
3	This is the location for a proper restroom facility, amenities block.	8/22/2025 5:20 PM
4	Not sure what to do with the space?	8/22/2025 9:37 AM
5	Need a bike rack	8/22/2025 9:30 AM

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6	Nothing really to do there	8/22/2025 9:25 AM
7	Trash, and wish the entry by the merc were cleaned up	8/22/2025 6:38 AM
8	we need to do soemthing about the highly invasive bird vetch that is taking over.	8/22/2025 6:36 AM
9	nice as is	8/16/2025 3:12 PM
10	No specific ideas but maybe something could be done to make it feel a bit more like a distinct cozy little park place to go to, it doesn't have much of a feel/draw now at least to me.	8/11/2025 2:16 PM
11	Better signage to direct folks to the partially hidden town square park would be great. Visitors often don't know that there is a great place to take your coffee/lunch/smoothie to hang out is hidden behind the cottonwoods.	8/10/2025 4:09 PM
12	Christmas tree usually looks sad	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
13	weeding garden areas, shoveled in winter	8/7/2025 4:16 PM
14	Tommy O'Malley has made the walls beautiful with his tile work! Thank you!!	8/1/2025 9:45 AM
15	Need power for permittees of park	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
16	way finding, signage, add picnic tables,	7/28/2025 10:58 PM
17	looking forward to the new pavilion!	7/27/2025 7:17 PM
18	There is nothing to keep me there	7/25/2025 3:20 PM
19	Could use better signage from Hightower to get more user circulation. Would be great to have kiosks there.	7/25/2025 9:21 AM
20	More seating would be nice	7/24/2025 10:56 PM
21	A community Morris Column for posting flyers and notices would be great.	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
22	The park and facilities around it should feel like a magnet drawing you in. They don't.	7/23/2025 10:12 PM
23	Hidden from view, needs better external signage	7/23/2025 8:17 PM
24	Needs general maintenance. Should be showcase park that has lots of flowers and is kept neat and tidy	7/23/2025 11:36 AM

Q8 If you rated Moose Meadow as less than 4 stars, please indicate what you find to be of issue. (Enter the issue in one of the categories below, or skip if none apply)

Answered: 62 Skipped: 148

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Parking lot (please specify the issue)	39% 24
Soccer field (please specify the issue)	27% 17
Winter trails (please specify the issue)	45% 28
Conflict between users (please specify the issue)	29% 18
Other (please specify the issue)	44% 27

#	PARKING LOT (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Could us e more parking	8/22/2025 10:58 AM
2	More parking needed in winter	8/22/2025 9:12 AM
3	Too small , Aspen mountain toad gets too many cars parked especially at intersection of Aspen and alyeska view	8/18/2025 9:19 PM
4	small	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
5	Enlarged, paved and stripped parking	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
6	better system for picking up dog poop	8/16/2025 2:20 PM
7	Very limited	8/15/2025 10:33 PM
8	There has been talk over the years to improve parking but I haven't seen anything done	8/15/2025 9:08 PM
9	Parking lot can get full	8/15/2025 6:16 PM
10	bigger parking lot	8/15/2025 2:48 PM
11	More parking is needed. The parking lot is almost always full on weekends, or signage about alternative parking available near the Chapel to help visiting users park legally and access the trail system.	8/10/2025 4:09 PM
12	Parking lot inadequate -perhaps parking along street and better plowing along Aspen Mountain	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
13	A few more parking spots would be helpful	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
14	More parking	8/2/2025 8:20 AM
15	Lack of	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
16	Not enough parking in winter.	7/30/2025 1:05 PM
17	More parking	7/25/2025 10:18 AM
18	More parking and more access points	7/24/2025 5:53 AM
19	Limited parking	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
20	No issue	7/23/2025 10:04 PM
21	parking lot on Arlberg is too small and parking on the side roads becomes an issue for skiers.	7/23/2025 5:35 PM
22	The parking lot/trailhead needs to be developed. There is currently insufficient parking.	7/23/2025 12:46 PM

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23	More parking needed in winter	7/22/2025 1:17 PM
24	Needs to be larger	7/22/2025 12:54 PM
#	SOCCER FIELD (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Elevate and/or drain it	8/22/2025 6:38 AM
2	Clean up the stuff that bubbles up through the grass	8/18/2025 9:19 PM
3	wet	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
4	Wet and not great grass coverage	8/17/2025 9:38 PM
5	Better drainage, turf field	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
6	Drainage	8/15/2025 4:17 PM
7	Astroturf! Girdwood's natural enviroment is lovely, but a synthetic surface (with engineered drainage) would keep the field usable for a greater portion of the year.	8/10/2025 4:09 PM
8	When maintained it is great.	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
9	Wet	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
10	Condition of field is poor.	7/26/2025 10:08 AM
11	The Soccer field needs major drainage work	7/24/2025 10:56 PM
12	always soggy, needs better drainage or more fill	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
13	No issue	7/23/2025 10:04 PM
14	Soccer field should be relocated near the baseball field. This needs to be a neighborhood park with a small dog park component.	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
15	Drainage, it is usually so wet it has a very short season where it actually functions as a soccer field.	7/23/2025 6:51 PM
16	Not consistently mowed. Very bad mosquitoes	7/22/2025 1:41 PM
17	Parking needs to be improved	7/22/2025 1:34 PM
#	WINTER TRAILS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Have a trash can 100 yards down the trail for dog poop dropoff	8/24/2025 10:04 PM
2	just signage and making sure people don't totally trample the efforts of our star groomers	8/23/2025 4:01 PM
3	the community treats Moose Meadows as a dog park.	8/22/2025 2:53 PM
4	Happy with grooming and winter use	8/22/2025 9:37 AM
5	More parking and dog pick up bags/cans located along winter trail.	8/22/2025 9:12 AM
6	People walking in the wetland in the summer	8/17/2025 9:38 PM
7	Love them	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
8	Need trash cans at all entrances - even bike path and hotel side ski trails	8/16/2025 9:50 AM
9	GOOD!! - Preserve the views !	8/15/2025 4:17 PM
10	better access point from parking lot	8/15/2025 2:48 PM
11	Increased education/signage about picking up dog poop. Please keep up the grooming!! (Double and single tracks).	8/14/2025 12:09 PM
12	Winter trails in Moose Meadow are amazing! The recently added perimeter trails for classic skiing, biking and walking are great. Helping Girdwood Nordic develop seasonal signage that would be posted at trail intersections would be great. Horror hill needs to be widened and the bridges between Moose Meadows and the Upper Meadow need to be upgraded so that a pistenbully/snow cat could cross the bridges. GNSC exclusively grooms with snowmachines, but the next phase for the club should include a pistenbully for more efficient grooming. Until	8/10/2025 4:09 PM

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the brides are upgraded the PB would be relegated to the 5k and Upper Meadows, making it less useful and efficient.

13	Dog poop	8/9/2025 10:26 AM
14	NO DOG POOP! Bad for environment, ecosystem, skis, people, grooming equipment, etc.	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
15	Easier access on Arlburg	8/8/2025 1:30 PM
16	It would be great to have trails that connected Moose Meadow with the rest of the neighborhoods that way people could ski over	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
17	additional poop bag/trash stations needed	7/30/2025 1:05 PM
18	winter grooming is great. maybe more poop drop off places so dog poop gets picked up	7/26/2025 2:05 PM
19	Support the efforts of the Girdwood XCountry groomers.	7/26/2025 8:40 AM
20	More parking, better signage from the Parking Lot	7/25/2025 10:18 AM
21	The winter trails are great, the groomers are wonderful	7/24/2025 10:56 PM
22	I do worry that our trails will be minimized by development	7/24/2025 6:22 PM
23	dog poop.	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
24	Improve trail network with gravel in summer to be able to use more in winter	7/24/2025 5:53 AM
25	Trails does an amazing job grooming.	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
26	Good but seasonal	7/23/2025 10:04 PM
27	Expansion of dog friendly trails to be utilized	7/23/2025 5:19 PM
28	Love them. Just needs to NOT be developed	7/23/2025 5:08 PM
#	CONFLICT BETWEEN USERS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Dog shit everywhere and the skiing trails are stressed	8/22/2025 2:53 PM
2	Dog walkers/ dogs trash the winter trail by not picking up after dogs.	8/22/2025 9:12 AM
3	we just need better signage	8/22/2025 6:36 AM
4	Unleashed dogs and skiers and bikers	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
5	Serous need for more trash cans	8/16/2025 9:50 AM
6	More signage that choosing to use these trails means you may interact with other dogs. I get tired of people getting upset with dogs being on the moose meadow trails in the wintertime.	8/13/2025 2:54 PM
7	dogs off leash - during winter grooming multi use is full on and multi directional also.	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
8	The outer bike/walking trail in the winter is great.	8/8/2025 8:52 AM
9	The only conflict in Moose Meadow is that People take their dogs there and they poop everywhere and they don't pick it up so perhaps winter dog poop bag stations could be added in more locations along the trail.	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
10	To many dogs and Pooh !	8/2/2025 8:20 AM
11	fat tire bikes and nordic skiers	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
12	dogs and people who dont understand post hole etiquette	7/26/2025 2:05 PM
13	Keep dogs under control and clean up their poop!	7/26/2025 8:40 AM
14	Dog poo bags	7/25/2025 10:18 AM
15	those who scoop, and those who dont'	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
16	I don't think it's available for summer	7/23/2025 10:04 PM
17	Dog walkers just need to clean up after their dogs, so maybe no loose dogs.	7/23/2025 6:51 PM

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18 Despite these trails being dog friendly, many users do not know dogs are welcome and this creates conflict. More signs at entry points making it clear these are mixed use trails would be helpful. 7/23/2025 5:19 PM

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Stop giving away public land for private development to a FOR PROFIT SKI RESORT.	8/25/2025 9:36 AM
2	Needs a viewing area platform	8/24/2025 6:15 PM
3	dog poop - to much of it.	8/22/2025 10:37 AM
4	Perhaps a solid summer use trail at one end or the other for views of wide open valley and a cut through access trail.	8/22/2025 9:37 AM
5	Great in winter but we need more xc ski space that isn't so marshy and better maintenance	8/22/2025 9:25 AM
6	Please work to address dog crap on and next to winter trail.	8/22/2025 9:12 AM
7	add permanent restrooms	8/22/2025 8:40 AM
8	Wish there could be a summer trail, even on a boardwalk through there	8/22/2025 6:38 AM
9	maybe we could add a boardwalk for summer use to connect to the small footbridge and then down toward the church.	8/22/2025 6:36 AM
10	a way to step into the meadow for the amazing view in the summer would be awesome. Like a short boardwalk to a viewing platform.	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
11	Pocket playground built here	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
12	View preservation in moose meadows	8/15/2025 4:17 PM
13	If the bridges were upgraded, then a pisten bully shelter should be built to the west of the soccer field for year-round/weather-proof storage of the future pistenbully for GNSC. Ideally, a structure could be constructed that had room for other supplies (perhaps soccer equipment and other park related infrastructure)	8/10/2025 4:09 PM
14	Add a perimeter single track trail near Arlberg bike path so bikers can use softer trail to connect from Deb's Way to Moose Meadow to below Our Lady of the Snows (or similar) to the upper valley trails.	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
15	Lack of unobstructed viewing point into meadow without disturbing wetlands	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
16	more directional signage for smoother flow during busy hours	7/30/2025 1:05 PM
17	It would be amazing to find a way to make some of this area accessible in the summer. It's the sunniest spot in town	7/29/2025 5:41 PM
18	Improvement entrance areas with grooming so it safer. Needs to be shoveled and maintained for safety.	7/26/2025 8:40 AM
19	More parking and restroom facilities are required to meet demand in the wintertime.	7/25/2025 6:04 PM
20	Moose Meadows should remain as wild as it can be as it is a wetland and our other prized xcounrty ski area is being developed.	7/24/2025 6:22 PM
21	No summer access board walks or interpretive areas out in the meadow.	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
22	It's muddy and wet and other issues.	7/23/2025 10:04 PM
23	I love moose meadow in the winter	7/23/2025 8:17 PM
24	Add permanent restrooms	7/23/2025 6:57 PM
25	the Soccer field needs to be relocated and reuse the property for housing	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
26	Leave as/is	7/22/2025 10:49 PM
27	Let's get some boardwalk trails out there and make a year-round trail system!	7/22/2025 1:06 PM

Q9 If you rated the Greenbelt Reserves as less than 4 stars, please indicate what you find to be of issue. (Write in the specific issue or specify other)

Answered: 48 Skipped: 162

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Drainage (please specify the issue)	15% 7
Utilities (please specify the issue)	4% 2
Access (please specify the issue)	42% 20
Visibility (please specify the issue)	19% 9
Other (please specify the issue)	65% 31

#	DRAINAGE (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Stormwater drainage is abysmal	8/25/2025 9:36 AM
2	5K-needs lights	8/24/2025 8:02 AM
3	Just keep up with gravel and start a leaf blowing program, to keep the trails less mucky	8/22/2025 10:58 AM
4	Always	8/22/2025 6:38 AM
5	Needs attention	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
6	Many of these are wetlands and are important to surrounding houses for drainage.	7/24/2025 6:22 PM
7	Better drainage	7/23/2025 9:05 PM

#	UTILITIES (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Our WWTF is so out of compliance with discharge requirements that under the new state permit requirements it can't meet water quality standards	8/25/2025 9:36 AM
2	Utility easements are a good place to add trails as they are trimmed and maintained for by electric co	7/24/2025 6:22 PM

#	ACCESS (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	The greenbelt that goes between Vail Drive and Timberline that has the AWWU pump station at Vail Drive should be designated as "Northern Lights Park". It should have an elevated path that starts at the pump station going to the middle of the greenbelt. The elevated path should have a large area for seating and having camera tripods. This is an area that I use often for taking pictures of the northern lights. It offers a large open area for observing the sky.	8/25/2025 12:46 AM
2	Remove large oversized Cotton Wood trees.	8/24/2025 6:37 PM
3	paths across the greenbelts are difficult to find and a bit tricky to navigate	8/24/2025 6:15 PM
4	Not even sure how to access these places	8/22/2025 9:12 AM
5	Most aren't developed or maintained such that they can be used, and often feel like part of someone's backyard.	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
6	Many of the greenbelts are used as travel corridors or trails already. Minor improvements (gravel, small bridges, brushing) to trails would make them more accessible for more users. Basic signage (i.e. "cut-through to Timberline Drive" would help folks navigate their way around town.	8/10/2025 4:09 PM
7	brushing of low and high bush, trees, alders could open up ground for sun to aid the surface	8/8/2025 9:02 PM

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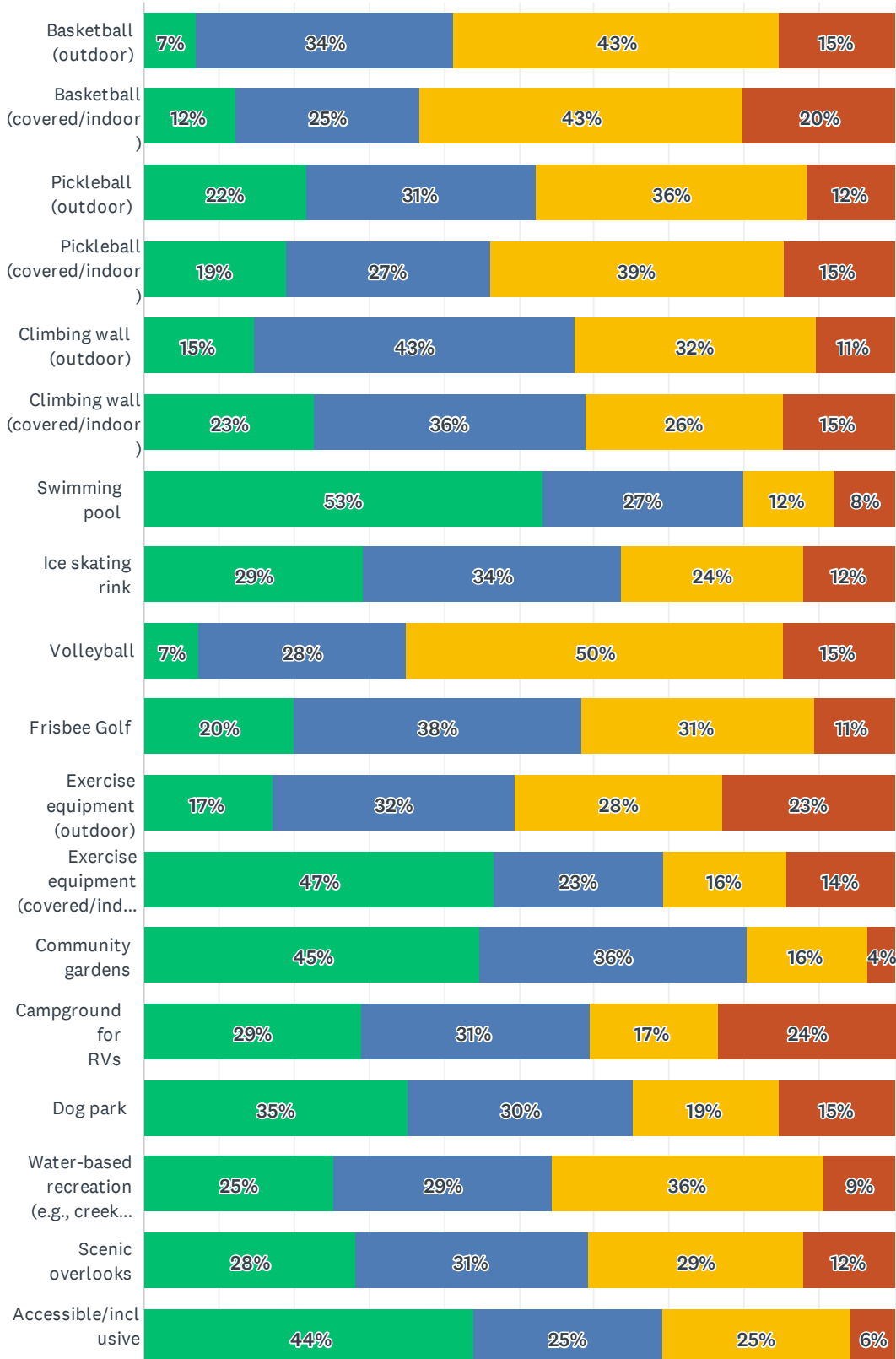
8	More direct access to the meadows off of Alpina	8/8/2025 1:30 PM
9	Access isn't always clear.	8/4/2025 10:32 PM
10	These areas are not clearly defined on the ground. If being used for trails, need better signage	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
11	limited access without crossing water or private property	7/30/2025 1:05 PM
12	needs designated parking spot	7/28/2025 10:58 PM
13	public space is underutilized and could use improved trails	7/26/2025 2:05 PM
14	Not sure where they all are.	7/26/2025 10:08 AM
15	Never knew these existed	7/25/2025 3:20 PM
16	Didn't know it existed	7/24/2025 7:33 AM
17	Easier access	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
18	The swoops are ridiculous, and we need trail connectivity	7/23/2025 10:44 AM
19	Access an issue	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
20	Would like to see trails development maybe?	7/22/2025 8:56 PM
#	VISIBILITY (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Each of the greenbelts should have a designating sign on each end. They should be surveyed with boundary designators so you don't trespass on private property. private property.	8/25/2025 12:46 AM
2	Clearing shrubbery out of greenbelt reserves along existing social trails would allow for better sight lines.	8/10/2025 4:09 PM
3	see above	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
4	Signage	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
5	small signage in a couple places	7/28/2025 10:58 PM
6	unknown	7/26/2025 2:05 PM
7	Better signage would be helpful.	7/26/2025 10:08 AM
8	Signage to help connect the segments	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
9	Where is it	7/22/2025 12:54 PM
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ISSUE)	DATE
1	Bikes take up too much trail and damage the trails	8/24/2025 10:04 PM
2	visitors cut through my yard because they can't find the path	8/24/2025 6:15 PM
3	Needs clearing and better maintenance	8/22/2025 9:25 AM
4	General brush maintenance	8/22/2025 8:40 AM
5	Still not sure exactly what this is.	8/22/2025 6:55 AM
6	i didn't know these areas were officially park land. it would just be nice to make them official with signage and we need to make sure we don't disturb local residents if parking increases because of it.	8/22/2025 6:36 AM
7	Make them into pocket parks	8/20/2025 3:28 PM
8	Deb's way style trails would be cool - neighborhood connectors.	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
9	don't use this because was unaware it was a green belt	8/16/2025 7:24 AM
10	less is more sometimes	8/15/2025 4:17 PM
11	need more of them!	8/15/2025 2:48 PM
12	Where is this?	8/14/2025 8:56 AM

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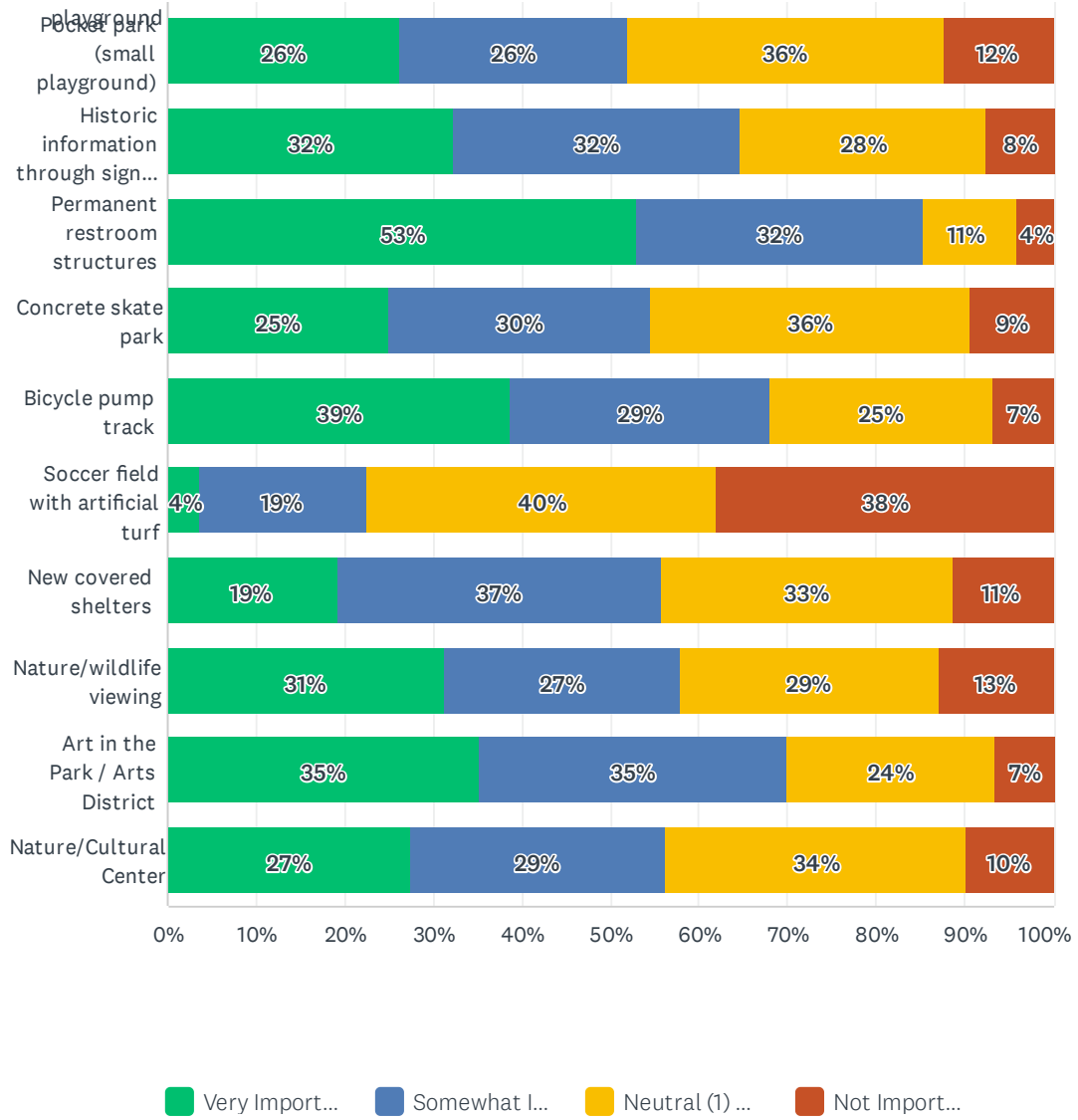
13	Some of these areas could be hardened so that people don't have to walk on busy streets like Timberline. The best one would be the end of Alpine Meadows along Kitzbuhl.	8/9/2025 10:26 AM
14	Massively underutilized reserves - safer for kids and families to access areas of Girdwood by avoiding the thoroughfares.	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
15	Could use more trails	8/6/2025 11:02 AM
16	Trail markers or signs!	8/4/2025 10:32 PM
17	I honestly don't really think anybody knows where this is.	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
18	Don't know where they are?	8/2/2025 8:20 AM
19	Only in 1 part of town (Alyeska Basin)	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
20	add "fairy trail" using volunteers	7/28/2025 10:58 PM
21	conflicts with neighbors that dont want additional use of dedicated public areas	7/26/2025 2:05 PM
22	Add rap rock to control bank erosion and REMOVE DEBRIS AND GRAVEL in Glacier Creek to prevent flooding and log jams. The main channels have been filling in with debris and gravel and impede the flow. Needs flood mitigation ASAP. Must be done soon and it can be done safely with fish habitat needs. Remember the flooding during the big flood Oscar early 90's? I do	7/26/2025 8:40 AM
23	The greenbelt system is very underutilized in Alyeska Basin and neighborhoods around timberline. Please develop greenbelt into 4 season trails to connect to existing trail systems and address pedestrian safety concerns from increased traffic on Timberline and Alyeska View.	7/25/2025 6:04 PM
24	It would be great to link some of the greenbelts to create a trail system	7/24/2025 10:56 PM
25	I am not sure what you are asking about these areas.	7/24/2025 6:22 PM
26	I think most people don't know what is a greenbelt and what is a vacant lot, and so don't utilize them. They should have signs posted declaring them as public green spaces.	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
27	Form continuous connected bike trails	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
28	The greenbelt is nice for a visual buffer and for maintaining drainage. But it's not really a "park". Much of it is a narrow easement filled with water that goes through people's yards.	7/23/2025 12:46 PM
29	We need a mountain bike trail not on resort	7/23/2025 6:32 AM
30	Need boardwalk from Tanner Circle to bridge	7/22/2025 10:49 PM
31	Addition of boardwalks would make these areas usable outside of the winter season	7/22/2025 1:06 PM

Q10 When considering the park and recreation system as a whole, indicate how important the following recreational facilities are:

Answered: 208 Skipped: 2



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	VERY IMPORTANT (3) – A TOP PRIORITY FOR ME (1)	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT (2) A GOOD FIT FOR GIRDWOOD, BUT NOT A PRIORITY (2)	NEUTRAL (1) - MAY OR MAY NOT PRIORITIZE, DEPENDS ON FACTORS LIKE COST OR USE (3)	NOT IMPORTANT (0) - NOT A GOOD FIT FOR GIRDWOOD (4)	TOTAL
Basketball (outdoor)	7% 13	34% 65	43% 82	15% 29	189
Basketball (covered/indoor)	12% 23	25% 46	43% 80	20% 38	187
Pickleball (outdoor)	22% 41	31% 58	36% 68	12% 22	189
Pickleball (covered/indoor)	19% 36	27% 52	39% 74	15% 28	190
Climbing wall (outdoor)	15% 28	43% 81	32% 61	11% 20	190
Climbing wall (covered/indoor)	23% 43	36% 69	26% 50	15% 28	190
Swimming pool	53% 106	27% 53	12% 24	8% 16	199
Ice skating rink	29% 58	34% 68	24% 48	12% 24	198
Volleyball	7% 14	28% 52	50% 95	15% 28	189
Frisbee Golf	20% 38	38% 72	31% 59	11% 20	189
Exercise equipment (outdoor)	17% 33	32% 62	28% 53	23% 44	192
Exercise equipment (covered/indoor)	47% 88	23% 43	16% 31	14% 27	189
Community gardens	45% 89	36% 71	16% 32	4% 7	199
Campground for RVs	29% 58	31% 61	17% 34	24% 47	200
Dog park	35% 69	30% 59	19% 38	15% 30	196
Water-based recreation (e.g., creeks, splash pads)	25% 49	29% 56	36% 70	9% 18	193
Scenic overlooks	28% 54	31% 60	29% 55	12% 23	192
Accessible/inclusive playground	44% 84	25% 48	25% 48	6% 11	191
Pocket park (small playground)	26% 49	26% 48	36% 67	12% 23	187
Historic information through signage or displays	32% 64	32% 64	28% 55	8% 15	198
Permanent restroom structures	53% 104	32% 63	11% 21	4% 8	196

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Concrete skate park	25% 48	30% 57	36% 69	9% 18	192
Bicycle pump track	39% 74	29% 56	25% 48	7% 13	191
Soccer field with artificial turf	4% 7	19% 36	40% 76	38% 73	192
New covered shelters	19% 38	37% 72	33% 65	11% 22	197
Nature/wildlife viewing	31% 61	27% 52	29% 57	13% 25	195
Art in the Park / Arts District	35% 70	35% 69	24% 47	7% 13	199
Nature/Cultural Center	27% 53	29% 56	34% 66	10% 19	194

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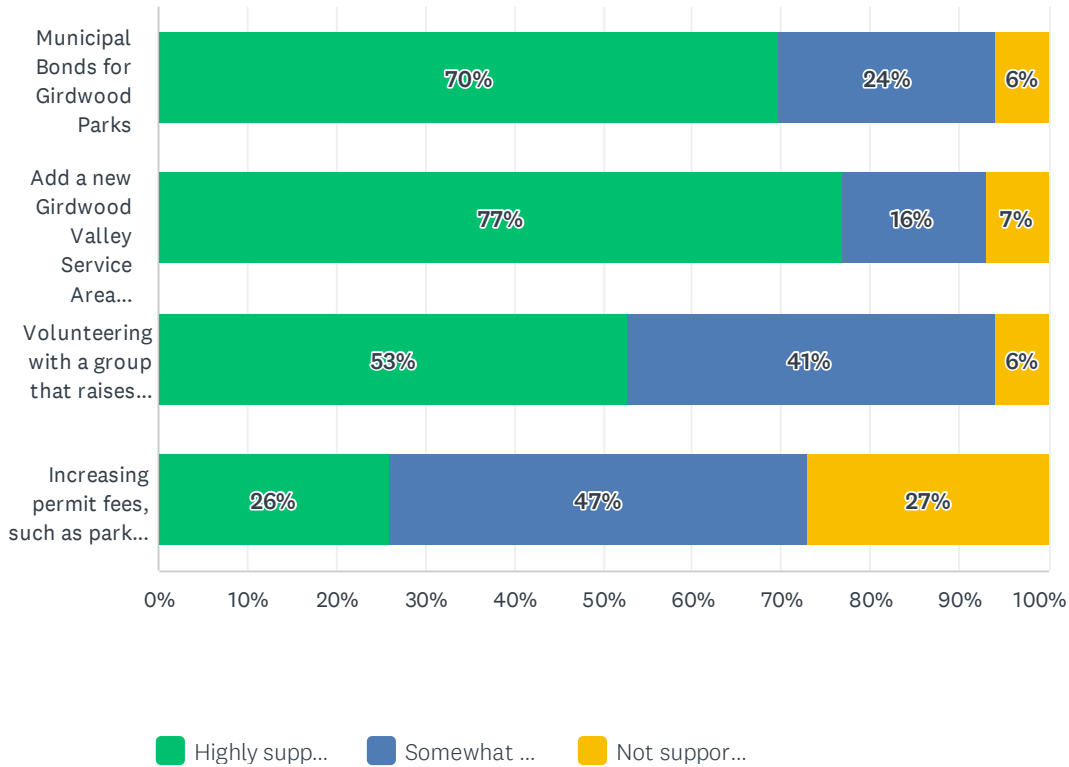
BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
Basketball (outdoor)	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.67	0.82
Basketball (covered/indoor)	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.71	0.93
Pickleball (outdoor)	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.38	0.95
Pickleball (covered/indoor)	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.49	0.96
Climbing wall (outdoor)	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.38	0.86
Climbing wall (covered/indoor)	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.33	0.98
Swimming pool	1.00	4.00	1.00	1.75	0.95
Ice skating rink	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.19	0.99
Volleyball	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.72	0.80
Frisbee Golf	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.32	0.91
Exercise equipment (outdoor)	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.56	1.02
Exercise equipment (covered/indoor)	1.00	4.00	2.00	1.98	1.10
Community gardens	1.00	4.00	2.00	1.78	0.84
Campground for RVs	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.35	1.13
Dog park	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.15	1.07
Water-based recreation (e.g., creeks, splash pads)	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.30	0.95
Scenic overlooks	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.24	0.99
Accessible/inclusive playground	1.00	4.00	2.00	1.93	0.96
Pocket park (small playground)	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.34	1.00
Historic information through signage or displays	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.11	0.94
Permanent restroom structures	1.00	4.00	1.00	1.66	0.83
Concrete skate park	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.30	0.95
Bicycle pump track	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	0.95

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Soccer field with artificial turf	1.00	4.00	3.00	3.12	0.84
New covered shelters	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.36	0.92
Nature/wildlife viewing	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.24	1.03
Art in the Park / Arts District	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.02	0.92
Nature/Cultural Center	1.00	4.00	2.00	2.26	0.97

Q11 If you support additional or improved facilities, in what ways would you support funding them?

Answered: 208 Skipped: 2



	HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE (1)	SOMEWHAT SUPPORTIVE (2)	NOT SUPPORTIVE AT ALL (3)	TOTAL
Municipal Bonds for Girdwood Parks	70% 143	24% 50	6% 12	205
Add a new Girdwood Valley Service Area tax to be paid by visitors (i.e. bed tax/recreation tax)	77% 157	16% 33	7% 14	204
Volunteering with a group that raises funds for park projects	53% 107	41% 84	6% 12	203
Increasing permit fees, such as parks and recreation facility rentals	26% 52	47% 94	27% 54	200

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BASIC STATISTICS					
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEDIAN	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION
Municipal Bonds for Girdwood Parks	1.00	3.00	1.00	1.36	0.59
Add a new Girdwood Valley Service Area tax to be paid by visitors (i.e. bed tax/recreation tax)	1.00	3.00	1.00	1.30	0.59
Volunteering with a group that raises funds for park projects	1.00	3.00	1.00	1.53	0.61
Increasing permit fees, such as parks and recreation facility rentals	1.00	3.00	2.00	2.01	0.73

#	OTHER FUNDING IDEAS? (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Alyeska resort	8/25/2025 9:36 AM
2	Shift property tax burden to dark houses by increasing resident deduction and offsetting through millage increase	8/24/2025 6:15 PM
3	i do not support an increase in permit fees, becasue not everyone in our community can afford that an it's not inclusive.	8/22/2025 6:36 AM
4	Heritage Land Bank automatically giving a percentage of land sales back to the Valley for public facilities that support local businesses	8/21/2025 1:32 PM
5	Grants, a fee established with every lift ticket or hotel room sold.	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
6	Grants	8/16/2025 3:12 PM
7	Girdwood community needs to run ads during elections to inform anchorage voters it doesn't actually affect their tax dollars.	8/13/2025 1:49 PM
8	Retrieve some of the Muni bed tax for Girdwood	8/11/2025 12:40 PM
9	The RV park/campground could help pay for itself and amenities.	8/9/2025 10:26 AM
10	One membership donation/fee for all organizations - GNCS, Bikewood, Friends of Trails, P&Rec to benefit all trail needs.	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
11	Increase property tax for non-primary residences only	8/6/2025 8:39 PM
12	skate jams	8/2/2025 8:30 PM
13	Partnering with nonprofits for grants	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
14	Airbnb and vrbo tax. Speed tickets!!!	7/30/2025 4:15 PM
15	Taxes paid by girdwood buisness earmarked for girdwood services first	7/26/2025 2:05 PM
16	Anchorage Muni must invest additional tax base into Girdwood as new housing developments continue to build a large tax base that is proportionate to other areas in anchorage. Girdwood pays a greater amount than gets reinvested in area improvements.	7/25/2025 6:04 PM
17	Private foundations and donors	7/25/2025 9:21 AM
18	Girdwood does not get its proportionate return on the bed tax.	7/24/2025 10:56 PM
19	Forest Fair grants	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
20	Camp ground / RV fees	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
21	Annual TICKETED music/film/art/food festival	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
22	Apply for grants, seek donations	7/23/2025 8:19 PM
23	Bed taxes for all our visitors and use it for community improvements.	7/23/2025 6:51 PM
24	Crowd funding	7/23/2025 5:34 PM

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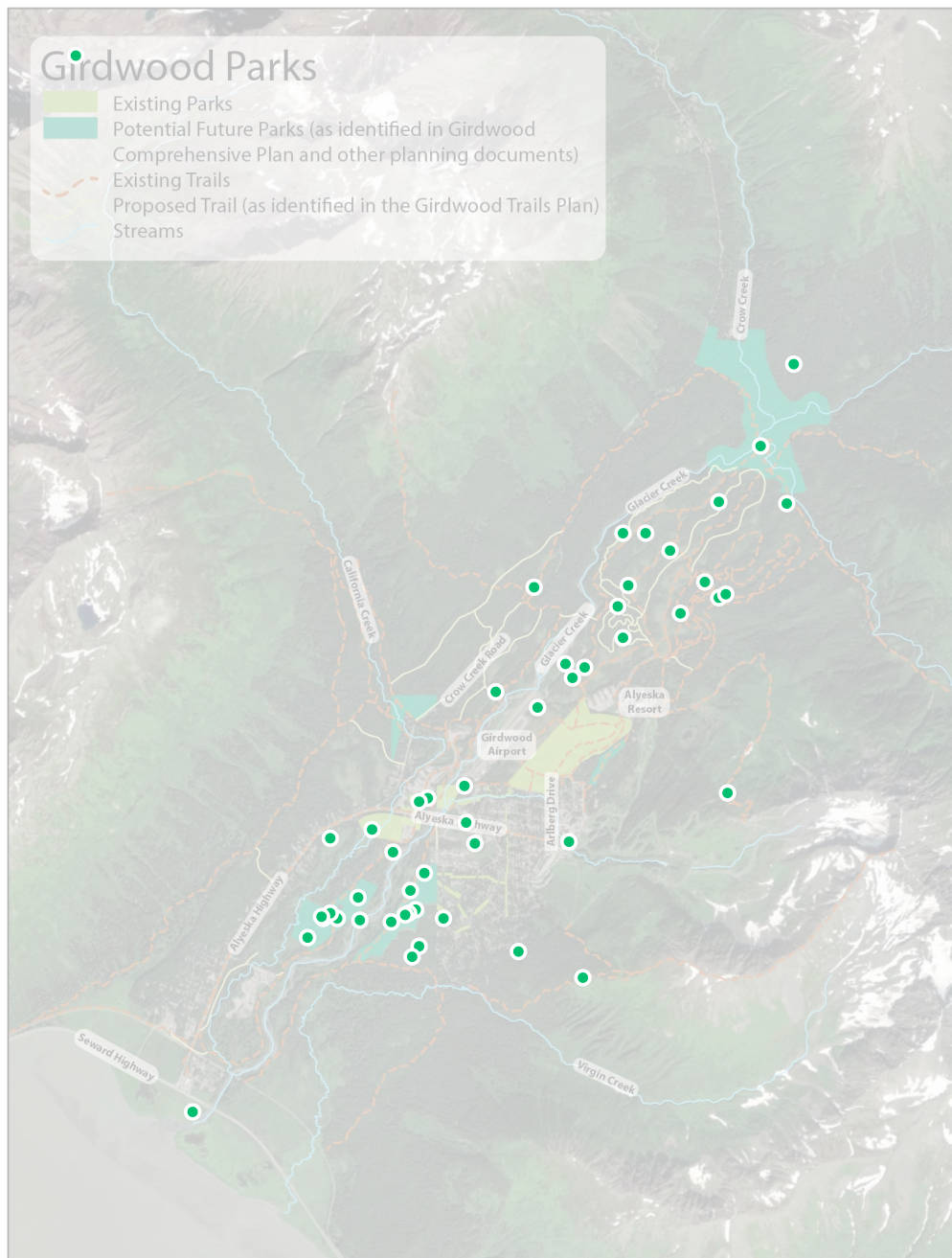
25	If there is a bed tax, it must include AirBNB guests and have enforcement mechanisms	7/23/2025 12:49 PM
26	Apply the bed tax to Girdwood solutions and needs.	7/23/2025 10:44 AM
27	Really does not matter, MOA is going to do what it wants!	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
28	Actually using funds appropriately with no fraud	7/23/2025 6:32 AM
29	Grants, corporate sponsors	7/22/2025 8:56 PM
30	Get our taxes back in our community. Anchorage loves to benefit off of our money but not our projects.	7/22/2025 2:26 PM
31	Finding a better balance with the muni to get our initiatives passed	7/22/2025 1:41 PM

Q12 If you think Girdwood needs additional park land, please indicate where on the map below. The purpose of this exercise is to understand where community members feel additional parks are needed. These can include areas that are not currently owned by the Municipality. If you wish to review land ownership information while considering possible locations, you may do so by visiting the following link and selecting layers accordingly:

<https://muniorg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f0bef139a7584820ad9d60c9eeea8a5f>

Answered: 50 Skipped: 160

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Q13 If you added a potential park location above, please describe the location and explain why it should be a park.

Answered: 62 Skipped: 148

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Expanding current forest fair park for multi uses that align with current yearly events.	8/24/2025 7:09 PM
2	A viewing deck within easy access to Moose Meadow Parking lot.	8/24/2025 6:15 PM
3	Don't develop the area north of the airport	8/23/2025 4:17 PM
4	all of these proposed parks would be AMAZING and I would support all of them and believe they should be designated	8/23/2025 4:01 PM
5	There needs to be a park strip along side a connector road from Crow Creek road to Holton Hills development. This connector road & park strip need to be installed as soon as possible to minimize construction & residential traffic on Hightower Road which is a safety risk to students & staff of Girdwood school. This connector road should be installed before any more work on Holton Hills. Dump trucks are currently zipping back & forth along Hightower Road & crossing the bike/pedestrian path used by school students & staff.!!!	8/22/2025 11:20 AM
6	I would like to see increased ski and mountain bike/hiking running trail connectivity so there are more options to connect ski trails to Abe's CA creek area.	8/22/2025 11:02 AM
7	I think the 5k area should be parkland, both for nordic and mtn bike sustainability and ease of permitting	8/22/2025 10:58 AM
8	I like all of these additional park locations. Parks add a lot to a communities quality of life. The area around the confluence of Glacier creek and Crow creek seems a great location for additional trails.	8/22/2025 10:37 AM
9	Four corners area. Unique and outstanding natural area.	8/22/2025 9:37 AM
10	More xc ski, hiking, and mountain bike trails	8/22/2025 9:25 AM
11	Not sure how to move this, but a small neighborhood park would be nice	8/22/2025 8:40 AM
12	Bicycle pump track in the upper DOT lot off of Jewel Mine, Whitewater Park under the glacier creek bridge, better river access to glacier creek in Four Corners	8/22/2025 6:38 AM
13	it would be nice to have an official park that offers access to the historic wagon road between the Seward highway and the virgin creek trail head. Adding this to our trail system would also be an incredible and highly valuable addition.	8/22/2025 6:36 AM
14	It's the sunny side of the town, oceanside, beautiful, historical, and overlooked as an asset.	8/21/2025 1:32 PM
15	Crow creek road	8/20/2025 7:24 AM
16	The area north of the airport referred to as, "the Mitten". For all the reasons expressed by the Girdwood Community repeatedly while working on the GAP	8/19/2025 9:10 PM
17	Somewhere towards the top of the hill nearby the larger neighborhoods. Partner with the resort to host park/play equipment on their grounds?	8/17/2025 9:44 PM
18	The area around the 5k nordic trail	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
19	The upper meadows for winter Nordic skiing	8/16/2025 9:59 PM
20	Please see two attachments I emailed to Holly	8/16/2025 3:12 PM
21	The area where there are existing trails, this shiidd all be parkland. No residential nor commercial development.	8/16/2025 7:32 AM
22	In Holton Hills and By Train Station	8/16/2025 7:24 AM

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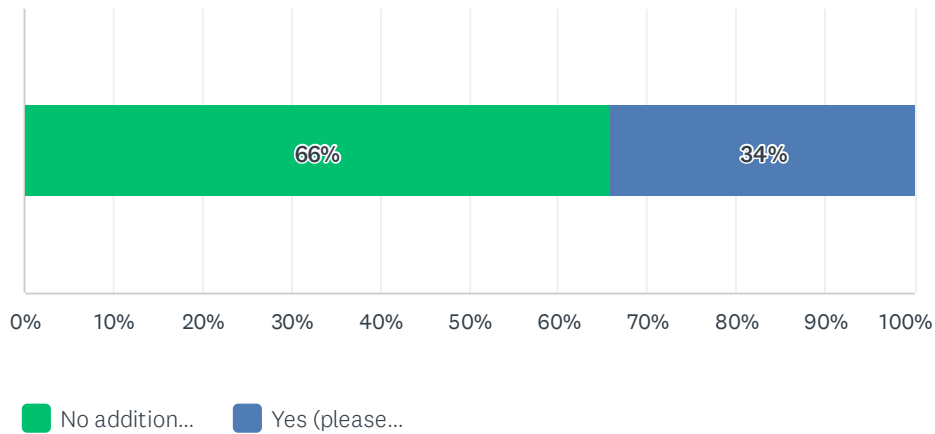
23	I support all of the areas mentioned and also around the Beaver Pond Trail.	8/15/2025 9:08 PM
24	I think the existing trails that Holton Hills decimating should've been preserved; it is centrally located and provide access to Glacier Creek.	8/15/2025 5:40 PM
25	park area for bike trails to make them easier to build without have to go through planning & zoning	8/15/2025 2:48 PM
26	Please help protect the upper Meadows and 5K from being developed and keep that area as winter trails. And add more single track bike trails around the 5k.	8/14/2025 12:09 PM
27	Include all trails in the GTP	8/13/2025 5:18 PM
28	The Virgin Creek area (from the Timberline neighborhood to Glacier Creek to the Railroad)should be preserved in its entirety with the idea of creating a natural area along the lines of the Eagle River Nature Center.	8/11/2025 4:36 PM
29	I added a dot for the "Virgin Creek area" - i.e. the area between the Timberline neighborhood, Glacier Creek, and the railroad. This area should be protected in its current state for its natural character and low-impact recreation (e.g. the open space designation we succeeded in getting for the whole area via the just-approved comprehensive plan). One possibility to do this is turning it into a designated park, like a low-impact version of the Eagle River Nature Center, with a mandate to keep it in its natural and low-impact state.	8/11/2025 2:16 PM
30	The potential park location at the end of Karolius Drive would be great for expanded recreational opportunities - either camping/RV park or a dirt pump track for bikers/kids building bike skills. That maintains the area around the library as a recreation zone.	8/10/2025 4:09 PM
31	South townsite	8/8/2025 10:04 PM
32	Near DOT/ARR - travelers could stop and stretch their legs and walk along a trail or boardwalk, play on playground, potentially walk on Iditarod trail. Pump Track near Moose Meadow, below current soccer field. Pocket playground near Moose Meadow and/or Chapel on Timberline.	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
33	It's scenic, preserves the watershed, and with a boardwalk could be nice place to walk and nature-watch	8/6/2025 8:39 PM
34	Good location, underutilized with good access from the neighborhoods.	8/4/2025 10:32 PM
35	It is very difficult to see exactly where these proposed parks areas are on the map. Proximity to existing parks is important. Also, Depending on the function of the park, whether or not the area has adequate sunlight is very important. If we're putting in cross country ski trails, the location is much different than if we're putting in a concrete Skatepark. I also think looking at actual usage in particular area is very important. The tennis courts are barely used at all. This space would much better be used for child centric activities. If a family comes to the park, some kids go to the skate park some kids go to the play structures. Zero children go play tennis. It would be great to use that area to expand the Skatepark, a highly utilized area.	8/4/2025 12:31 PM
36	replace current skate park with concrete skate park in current location	8/2/2025 8:30 PM
37	Additional nordic ski trails	8/2/2025 11:46 AM
38	Mitten area should be a park, not condos for the wealthy	7/30/2025 8:57 PM
39	River walk / trail/boardwalk system along one of our best assets, Glacier Creek, near downtown area.	7/30/2025 4:41 PM
40	More mountain bike trails at 5k loop	7/30/2025 12:20 PM
41	South side of Glacier Creek- is mainly wetlands not suitable for development. I have skied this area for decades- has a great feel to it hard to describe and more primitiv	7/28/2025 10:58 PM
42	map too small. cabanaland could use a small kids park, near soccer field could use small kids park, upper timberline vail could use small park and old girdwood could use small park. not cool to make families walk so far to get to simple playspace - lots of people dont have ample lot size for personal playgrounds.	7/26/2025 2:05 PM
43	Because I want Holtan hills to not happen it's ruining beautiful areas	7/25/2025 3:54 PM
44	New Bridge over Glacier Creek could be awesome to make this a wild/remote park	7/25/2025 10:18 AM

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45	I would like to see improvements to the Danish Trail to make a loop that connects the Alyeska Basin neighborhood with the Lower Iditarod trail and Beaver Pond trail.	7/24/2025 10:56 PM
46	This map only allowed for one marker to be placed. All of the areas on the original master plan I support for parks (prior to the muni taking them away)	7/24/2025 6:22 PM
47	This map is terrible and hard to use, you can't zoom in, and would only allow one dot to be added	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
48	Nordic ski and Bikewood park. This land should be owned and managed by Girdwood parks. HLB is not equipped to effectively manage this land for user groups.	7/24/2025 5:53 AM
49	Dog park far end of the airport towards AWWU and then towards the Our lady of the snow.	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
50	Vail between Gstad and Vail Circle	7/23/2025 9:31 PM
51	The mine roads and old Girdwood are forgotten about in regard to developed public space. Every neighborhood needs an adjacent park.	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
52	Glacier Creek at the bridge— should consider addition of whitewater park with man-made wave to draw additional visitors to Girdwood.	7/23/2025 8:17 PM
53	Along glacier creek because it is centralized, but I approve any proposed park or trail More parks and public land access makes for healthier, happier communities!	7/23/2025 6:57 PM
54	The map was very difficult to navigate for me. I am a resident of Girdwood for over 25 years, I highly value intact and untouched wild spaces around out town. I highly support trail development for non motorized traffic.	7/23/2025 6:51 PM
55	The Mitten, where Glacier Village is proposed, should be parkland instead. It is the nexus of the trail system. I think the whole corridor down Glacier Creek should be maintained as a park/greenbelt.	7/23/2025 12:46 PM
56	We need a campground near the Forest Fair park.	7/23/2025 10:44 AM
57	Seems like there's room to develop a pump track on land near the current park.	7/22/2025 8:56 PM
58	White water park under/near glacier creek bridge	7/22/2025 8:46 PM
59	I support infrastructure on the east side of glacier creek (virgin creek).	7/22/2025 2:41 PM
60	I like the idea of a park off of crow creek. It's away from the major roads and less of a risk to children.	7/22/2025 2:26 PM
61	5k / single track mountain bike area- major recreational area	7/22/2025 1:36 PM
62	A dog park near the soccer field/moose meadows side there's a lot of room.	7/22/2025 1:34 PM

Q14 Is there anything else you would like to add?

Answered: 167 Skipped: 43



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No additional comments (1)	66%	110
Yes (please describe) (2)	34%	57
TOTAL		167

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	2.00	1.00	1.34	0.47

#	YES (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	There should a clear policy regulating electric bikes. Please maintain more class 1 trails.	8/24/2025 10:04 PM
2	We have a wonderful bike path and bike trails system that should continue to be connected to any and all parks.	8/24/2025 7:42 PM
3	Please provide routine maintenance on Greenbelt Reserves and Alyeska Basin Park. This will help provide easy access and clear routes to other Open Spaces. In particular remove the giant oversized cottonwood trees next to the roads and trails. Not only do these trees make access more difficult but they can also be a nuisance to the public in general. They routinely drop large branches on the roads and trails during wind storms. Their drooping branches during heavy snow loading can block the roads and trails. Some branches can hang over the roads blocking visibility and walkers/bikers on the sides of the roads. In addition they produce large amounts of leaves, sticky buds/pods (dogs and humans take/track these everywhere they go), pollen and the fluffy seeds.	8/24/2025 6:37 PM
4	A wildlife viewing area with rails and benches near Moose Meadow Parking Lot would keep visitors from walking out on fragile wetland during summer, provide a place for wildlife photography and a dark sky location with a horizon free of obstructions for star viewing/astrophotography. Need level or ramp access to bike path. Needs to be at least 500 sqft.	8/24/2025 6:15 PM
5	A big thank you to the current supporters and advocates of trails and parks in Girdwood.	8/23/2025 4:01 PM
6	I would like to see girdwood increase it's single track mountain bike trail network.	8/22/2025 11:02 AM
7	Thank for doing the work here	8/22/2025 10:58 AM
8	Highly value covered outdoor facilities for basketball/community workout classes/batting cage.	8/22/2025 9:12 AM

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9	More Nordic trails	8/22/2025 7:02 AM
10	Please consider adding a community center to this plan. We are one of the few communities in the Municipality that has a place to go for recreation, classes and for socializing and this would be a valuable addition to our community. the list of activities above is a really good one and hopefully some of those could be incorporated into a community center. It would also be nice to add a covering for the skate park. Also, my greatest desire in terms of indoor recreation, as a tax paying resident, would be to have a swimming pool that is large enough for real lap swimming.	8/22/2025 6:36 AM
11	A pump track would be such an incredible addition to our community. The one at Hilltop is awesome and kids (and adults) love it!	8/20/2025 10:45 PM
12	More people living in, we will need more options to play and relax. Dense housing is here, we need more parks	8/18/2025 5:45 PM
13	Love the uniqueness of Girdwood parks	8/17/2025 12:02 AM
14	Year Round Skatepark	8/16/2025 6:21 PM
15	We don't need more park lands! Just work on the ones we already have - my property taxes are already outrageous. MOA does very little for the tax rates in Girdwood.	8/16/2025 9:50 AM
16	Girdwood has always been about the outdoors and wide open spaces. Further residential and Commercial Development is not wanted nor necessary.	8/16/2025 7:32 AM
17	I don't live there anymore but I grew up without much to do and so any type of activities would be helpful for children and teens as the grow up. The more the better	8/15/2025 9:15 PM
18	Please do not add more lines on the tennis courts	8/15/2025 8:54 PM
19	I'd like to see multimodal transportation integrated in park/open space planning. Also bike racks and designated bike spots (especially at festivals).	8/15/2025 5:40 PM
20	Girdwood has beautiful tennis courts, please do not change them or add pickleball to the tennis courts.	8/12/2025 12:33 PM
21	Please leave the tennis courts alone and don't combine pickleball with them.	8/11/2025 10:41 PM
22	Leave tennis courts as is. They were updated a little while back and are great. I really like pickleball but they need a separate area. Putting pickleball on the tennis courts is a bad idea that will cause conflict. A separate area is a better idea and can get help funding that through pickle ball organizations such as ppr (professional pickleball registry).	8/11/2025 6:41 PM
23	Protect the "Mitten" area north of the airport to maintain the integrity of Girdwood's extensive trail system.	8/11/2025 4:36 PM
24	It is very important that the tennis courts should be protected as they are as tennis courts, and pickleball lines and modifications for other uses should not be added to them. There have been some calls to add pickleball lines to the courts, which is a bad idea. That would degrade the tennis experience significantly, and pickleball already has year-round indoor and outdoor opportunities in Girdwood at the school. I would support the building of a separate facility for pickleball. In fact one great thing for Girdwood might be a covered year-round combined tennis/pickleball/padel/squash/racquetball sports facility.	8/11/2025 2:16 PM
25	Easements along power lines could be for public use (kids, families, individuals) along Timberline Dr. and Alpine Meadows, Vail, Alyeska View, etc as a safer, quiet alternative for non motorized trail users who would like to get around and across Girdwood more efficiently, without driving or commuting on busy roads.	8/8/2025 9:02 PM
26	Improved access to Virgin Creek trailhead. Bus and tour group usage has overwhelmed Timberline at certain times of the year.	8/8/2025 8:52 AM
27	This is only vaguely related to the parks, but could we get sidewalks on the south side of Alyeska? It can be an issue with park access and safety. A placard by the campground behind Neisman showing the outline of the camp spots would also be helpful.	8/6/2025 8:39 PM
28	Girdwood is inclusive to many types of recreation, but not all recreation is necessary. We could mostly agree that a paved race car track is a bad fit, despite it being a popular sport. An RV park, while popular in America, is a bad fit for our small community. Clearing trees and	8/4/2025 10:32 PM

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creating parking for RVs allows a small recreational population to incur big changes at a higher space allotment than say frisbee golf or dog walking. RV parks need dedicated, one dimensional spaces for wealthy tourists at the cost of other user groups.

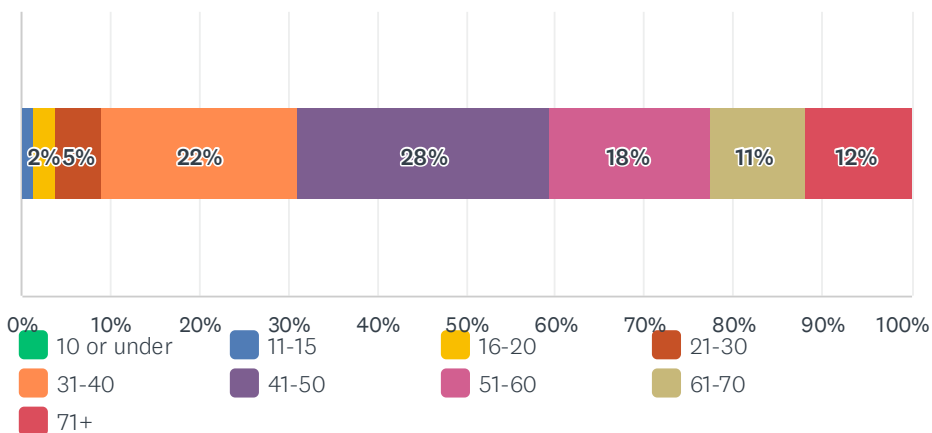
29	Ninja warrior course like wasilas	8/4/2025 12:08 PM
30	a bowl	8/2/2025 8:30 PM
31	More signage for trails. More \$ for trail maintenance like Max and Ragged. More xc ski trails that are groomed and dog friendly.	7/30/2025 4:15 PM
32	Small golf course	7/28/2025 7:19 PM
33	The Forest Fair park/South Townsite has tremendous potential as a central park and tourist draw for Girdwood and Anchorage, particularly with the addition of an RV park. I'd like to know if Girdwood prefers more park development in this area or more residential development	7/27/2025 7:17 PM
34	pocket gardens could go with or seperate from playgrounds (better together to provide intergenerational community connections. Please note this survey was not ADA accessible and did not function properly in high contrast mode. disappointing, but I did my best to guess where to click	7/26/2025 2:05 PM
35	The school yard is used for recreational activities frequently. Pickleball players use it twice a week, parents with their kids use it, basketball players use it, and runners and walkers go through on any given night. It should be considered as a recreational area. A portable toilet would be very helpful for sanitation and cleanliness.	7/26/2025 10:08 AM
36	Mitigate flooding risk in California Creek, Alyeska Creek and ESPECIALLY Glacier Creek. Remove debris and open up the channels that are filling up above the Alyeska Bridge ASAP. There are islands of alder & cottonwood growing now that should be removed along with sediment and gravels. Use the gravel for Girdwood needs. It was done for years before too. This is very important to protect the townsite, neighborhoods and bridge and airport areas.	7/26/2025 8:40 AM
37	Girdwood and possible future HLB park lands have considerable flood concerns that will only be addressed with significant infrastructure. A possible solution to address flooding and develop recreational opportunities is to research development of a possible whitewater river play park or surf park on Glacier Creek, California Creek, or tributaries. This may address the flood mitigation concerns as well as develop and improve fishing access/ habitat preservation, and make surrounding areas more suitable for more residential and commercial development.	7/25/2025 6:04 PM
38	I've grown up in Girdwood and lived here my whole life. There is amazing outdoor space that people can access and it doesn't need further development because the whole point is to get outdoors and explore nature. Everyone who ACTUALLY lives here/grew up here enjoys the valley exactly as it is and while yes we don't have everything such as pools or indoor courts/gyms, the outdoors themselves are much preferred and enjoyable for recreation.	7/25/2025 12:05 PM
39	I dont this any forested land should be developed for more park space. The current space is adequate.	7/25/2025 10:46 AM
40	The needs of a niche trails group should not overpower the needs of the whole community.	7/25/2025 9:21 AM
41	The Trails Committee has devoted a lot of time and effort into our parks and trails and that goes a long way to making Girdwood a great place to live. With additional funding from the Bed Tax we can try to get more infrastructure projects built, staffed, and maintained.	7/24/2025 10:56 PM
42	This survey was unclear on a few items. 1) the park map 2) utilities and park reserve greenbelts. I would like a balance of keeping as much wildspace as possible since Girdwood is being deforested daily	7/24/2025 6:22 PM
43	I hope this process is better than previous ones led by this company	7/24/2025 2:12 PM
44	Improve shoots and ladders for access and safety highlighting the history and geological significance of that area.	7/23/2025 10:59 PM
45	We could get more value from our park lands, especially downtown. Most mountain resorts have progressed further in community arts and park facilities.	7/23/2025 10:12 PM
46	More space for arts and culture.	7/23/2025 10:07 PM
47	Girdwoods parks and trails are just as important to our community as housing.	7/23/2025 10:04 PM

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48	Please do not dedicate funds to an RV park. That may be an idea with merit down the line once more essential town needs are addressed.	7/23/2025 9:05 PM
49	See comment above regarding whitewater park	7/23/2025 8:17 PM
50	It's very important to me to see walking trails cleaned up and pickleball access outside of the club in town as that limits the access I have to playing.	7/23/2025 5:34 PM
51	Please add pickle ball courts. There are over 40 local residents that play more than once a week.	7/23/2025 5:08 PM
52	So much of what is proposed parkland is really more open space. Those areas set aside are huge, but are not suitable for the standard "park" uses people would think of as park activities. It would be good to plan ahead and set aside smaller parks that can be spread throughout the community that can provide play equipment/picnic tables etc.	7/23/2025 12:46 PM
53	If we are adding housing and new residents, then protecting open space and park lands increases in importance.	7/23/2025 10:12 AM
54	the South Townsite lots should be used to develop a sports concentrated area. Bigger soccer fields, expand the existing sporting activities in the current area.	7/23/2025 9:55 AM
55	A pump track and dirt jumps	7/22/2025 8:56 PM
56	Would love a white water park one feature/wave to surf for kayak and surf boards, could also be fishing habitat	7/22/2025 8:46 PM
57	I support more groomed ski trails and single tract mountain bike trails.	7/22/2025 1:36 PM

Q16 What is your age?

Answered: 209 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
10 or under (1)	0% 0
11-15 (2)	1% 3
16-20 (3)	2% 5
21-30 (4)	5% 11
31-40 (5)	22% 46
41-50 (6)	28% 59
51-60 (7)	18% 38
61-70 (8)	11% 22
71+ (9)	12% 25
TOTAL	209

BASIC STATISTICS				
Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
2.00	9.00	6.00	6.30	1.57

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Attached Supplemental Information

1. **Huddle Memo:** A summary of amendments proposed in response to comments received during the public review period (March 5–April 6) and approved by the Girdwood Advisory Committee and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors. These amendments have been incorporated into the submitted Plan.
2. **Comment Table:** A complete inventory of comments received during the public review period.
3. **Advisory Committee Summary #4**



MEMO

TO: Girdwood Board of Supervisors

FROM: Huddle AK

SUBJECT: Girdwood Parks Master Plan – Proposed Amendments

DATE: April 17, 2026

Girdwood Board of Supervisors,

The Public Review Draft of the Girdwood Parks Master Plan was made available on the project website on March 5th, 2026 and remained open for 1 month, closing on April 6th. The Plan was advertised on social media and through email. We received 30 responses, 27 through the online survey and 3 via email. These responses were distilled in a spreadsheet and comments of note were discussed with the Girdwood Parks Master Plan Advisory Committee on April 14, 2026. The project team have proposed the following amendments to the Girdwood Parks Master Plan. The Advisory Committee offers their support for GBOS to support the plan with the proposed amendments (please see attached resolution):

Moose Meadow Park

1. Add language to the Proposed Moose Meadow narrative that describes the potential for land swap with DOT to address the current Moose Meadow trails that cross onto airport property. Add language to describe potential for securing land as park land or publicly accessible. [Proposed Moose Meadow Narrative]
2. Add biking and walking to Moose Meadow narrative as activities at this park. [Existing Moose Meadow Narrative]
3. Indicate summer vs. winter trails on Moose Meadow map. [Existing Moose Meadow Map]

Girdwood Park

4. Remove volleyball symbol from future potential sport court adjacent to existing tennis courts and remove mention of volleyball in this area from the narrative. [Proposed Girdwood Park Map and Narrative]

Pickleball

5. Add language to explain that more pickleball courts may be able to fit in footprint shown at Lions Club. [Proposed Girdwood Park + Lions Club Park Narrative]
6. Site a backup location for pickleball to the north portion of Lions Club. [Proposed Girdwood Park + Lions Club Park Narrative and Map]

Pump Tracks

7. Provide a more clear list of pump track locations and how they would differ at each potential location in terms of size, difficulty, etc. [Pump Track Implementation Section]
8. Include language to explore an asphalt pump track. [Pump Track Implementation Section]

Forest Fair Park

9. Add “in accordance with timing for event” when discussing working with Forest Fair board. [Proposed Girdwood Park + Lions Club Park Narrative]
10. Call out potential for future play equipment or exercise stations added throughout the Forest Fair Park that would not interfere with Forest Fair activities. [Proposed Girdwood Park + Lions Club Park Narrative]
11. Add language in narrative about managing the forest as old growth cottonwoods are removed or die. [Proposed Girdwood Park + Lions Club Park Narrative]

Glacier Creek Park

12. Add sentence in narrative that clarifies that proposed facility layouts are schematic and may change as more detailed design and analysis are conducted. [Proposed Glacier Creek Park Narrative]

Future Park Land

13. Extend the dotted line that shows future park land goal around the Nordic 5k and proposed Forest Loop Trail north so that it goes above the creek to “Four Corners.” [Proposed Future Park Land Map]
14. Be more explicit about opportunity for Girdwood Parks and Rec to do a land swap with DOT property in the Mine Roads neighborhood to try and address community interest in a neighborhood park. [Future Park Land: Existing Neighborhood Opportunities Narrative]

15. Add a summary of existing acreage of park land and how much additional acreage the Future Park Land in this plan would contribute. [Future Park Land Narrative]
16. Make a global comment for all undevelopable parcels in Girdwood – that P&R would be interested in finding more park land and that private landowners can work the organizations like the Great Land Trust or Girdwood Parks and Recreation if there is land they would like to see become park land. [Future Park Land Narrative]
17. Add sentence on pg. 61 that Alyeska park opportunity should support employee uses. [Future Park Land: Alyeska Park Opportunity Narrative]
18. Multiple comments request explicit mention of transfer of specific HLB parcels – this is laid out in the Implementation Section. Reference to the page number with HLB parcel transfer will be added in these sections to point readers to the implementation section. [Glacier Creek Park Narrative and Future Park Land Narrative: Nordic 5K]
19. Add language explaining that final siting of any potential whitewater park would depend on future hydrologic analysis and would be placed based on those findings, location shown on map is preliminary and could change. [Implementation Section: Whitewater Park Opportunity]
20. Adjust park location boundary on Future Park Map to align with the park extent that matched the proposed amenities for Glacier Park Area (this extent aligns with the original park recommendation map from GCP submittal by Girdwood Inc.) [Proposed Future Park Map]

Implementation Actions

21. Specify that SWS is the agency to work with to establish recycling in Girdwood. [Implementation Section: Waste Management and Recycling]
22. Change language in narrative for the Community Center from “YMCA” to be more broad about a non-governmental organization. [Implementation Section: Community Center + Pool]

General

23. Add paragraph at end of plan that discusses funding process and opportunities. [Implementation Section]
24. Fix spelling of Holtan Hills. [Future Park Land: Holtan Hills Opportunity Narrative]
25. Add more labels of existing facilities at Girdwood Park. [Proposed Map for Girdwood, California, and Lions Club Park]

26. Fix typo in Moose Meadow narrative from Arlberg Drive to Arlberg Avenue.
[Moose Meadow Park Existing Conditions Narrative]
27. Update Future Park Land legend so bike park symbol on map and legend match. [Proposed Future Park Land Map]
28. Make plan timeframe consistent throughout document – refers to plan as both 10 and 15 year plan. [Throughout Document]

Comment Table

Commenter	Comment Method	Comment
Lynne' Doran	email	I don't think Girdwood needs a fenced dog park
Lynne' Doran	email	I think the tennis courts need to be shared with this pickle ballers. I donated to that project because they said they would be multi-use. Also for a town of 2,500 people I think the 2 groups need to share and we do not need to fund a \$350,000 pickle ball court for a sport that can only be played a few months out of the year.
Lynne' Doran	email	What do I need to do to get the tennis court to become a multi-use facility
Will Brennan	email	Consider including the addition of small/natural play elements throughout Forest Fair Park. I know the Forest Fair Board is hesitant to make any changes, but this is a great central area that could be taken better advantage of without disrupting the annual fair. I'm thinking of balance beams, boulders to scramble and sit on, climbing structures, etc. These are low cost items that could be implemented in the short term and with volunteer support, and this wouldn't be disruptive to the Forest Fair event.
Will Brennan	email	Consider including landscaping of the forest (limbing trees, cutting back brush, drainage) and installing similar play elements as above at the edge of Moose Meadows Park behind the new Little Bears facility. Losing access to the park amenities available from the existing Little Bears is the biggest downside of the relocation, recreating a token patch of woods that is managed similar to Forest Fair will help preserve some of the old Little Bears experience. If it was included in the plan I think Little Bears families may be able to implement some of this themselves in coordination with Parks and Rec.
Will Brennan	email	Neighborhood park opportunity - consider making explicit that private landowners of undeveloped lots within Alyeska Basin subdivision and other existing neighborhoods could work with Parks and Rec and/or local nonprofits to donate their land for park development. This is likely the only feasible way to site a pocket park within existing neighborhoods. Even a half-acre lot could support a mini-playground and a picnic table with parking for 4 vehicles. This may be unlikely but it seems more viable than developing greenbelts.
Will Brennan	email	Alyeska Park Opportunity - consider identifying a potential park area at the magic carpet zone by the day lodge, above the corner of Alyeska Hwy and Arlberg. It is a grassy open space centrally located near the largest residential area in town. In the summer months Alyeska could manage it as a park for both the community and resort patrons. Pump track, playground elements, covered pavilion, etc. If the resort was smart they could sell food and beer out of the daylodge or food trucks to busy parents supervising their kids. It's the perfect topography for a pump track and would fit in with their downhill biking business.
Will Brennan	email	It might be helpful if the multiple pump track options were better defined, so the community could prioritize what area to focus on. Like what kind of experience is available at each location, based on size of the area available, topography, etc. I prefer Lions Club for a kids oriented pump track due to its central location. I'd prefer that the Glacier Creek option is only pursued after other development has occurred nearby - I'm concerned that otherwise it will be too remote of an area to be encouraging unsupervised kids to hangout and potentially get hurt. I just keep imagining the fallout of if we moved the skatepark into the woods - trouble!
Will Brennan	email	Consider making the siting of a waterpark more vague. I think that if it can work then it would be best if built under the bridge as described, because it ties into the community and could become a seasonal attraction (people love watching whitewater parks). But without further studies we don't know if the hydrology would really work in this spot. There may be other areas along the creek that may be more feasible (although you'd lose the community attraction part). Consider describing the pros of siting it nearby Lions Club park, but stating other areas may prove more appropriate based on hydrologic factors, etc.
Briana Sullivan	email	pg. 34 map color trail needs to be winter color for moose meadow
Briana Sullivan	email	pg. 34 narrative MMeadow skiing, walking, snowbiking. During the years I have lived here and recreated frequently, very rarely does anyone snowshoe. (However, after I wrote this comment I saw a bunch of snowshoe tracks on a couple meadows from Our Lady of the Snows)
Briana Sullivan	email	pg. 35 Arlberg AVE
Briana Sullivan	email	pg. 40 Great map and planning for parking spaces along Egloff x from Fire Station. Where all 'trash receptacles' are, please include recycling. Although this is unbelievably not provided currently, as with other verbiage ie 'screened area for future' recycling space should be made and provided. Future minded and goal oriented. Then no one has to go back and get the funding or make the space for a small recycling bin when it could have been formally recommended in the Parks Plan.

Briana Sullivan	email	pg 42 narrative for Lions Club parking - mentions entrance and exit. Makes sense. Please do not include curbs, which would make snowplowing challenging and a nuisance for machine operators. Striping can help guide the flow.
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 43 Perhaps a good time to site a backup Pickleball location
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 42-44 references to working with Forest Fair Board is noteworthy. Good to mention the timing of year for their work in preparation for Fair (sand area/grass for Beach Stage) and ongoing maintenance in Forest Fair grounds. P&R is tasked with coordinating with Forest Fair Board.
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 45 thorough explanation of artwork and goals for this area. Great to specify the nearby roof shedding hazards and individual needs of each 'gate' access for the Town Square Park. Giving this space a boost would lift the whole area as development continues.
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 46 Great upgrade suggestions and layout. Appreciate the entrance arches, which may need the consultation of a landscaper and one with snowload knowledge. Lighting with solar charging would be future minded and save. Agree that power source is necessary for events, and perhaps this could be engaged for each need trash/recycling receptacle missing from map, however there are some trash receptacles currently. Update to include future recycling space
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 47 Great to include potential of sculptures that respond to weather. This could be a great space for ice or snow sculptures, whether it's classes or displays Potential Memorial Wall - thank you for highlighting the Girdwood Cemetery. Its future is in the hands of the Municipality and has support and realistic need.
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 50 secondary driveway options are necessary for the parking space proposed at Moose Meadow. overhead lines are important - worth the mention. See potential pump track location - thank you. Ideal and important to reiterate dog signage here, as with GCP. *Would like to see single track trail on map between bikepath and wetlands for multi-use travel between neighborhoods, other trails, and then access the biketrails at the end of Arlberg Ave. Girdwood's future bikepark. This trail could bring community from Deb's way or any neighborhood up to Aspen Mtn, then between Arlberg bikepath and Moose Meadow to behind the new Childcare facility/Our Lady of the Snows and then to the Parks & Recreation land of trails.
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 51 Playground needed, as previously established in 80's Plan.
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 52 Future planning efforts should support site-specific opportunities, where drainage does not hinder or prevent an available green belt from being an important pedestrian and multi-use corridor. It is a shame to force community members and visitors onto busy roads, when connections within and to neighborhoods is safer and possible, even if limited. If it's public land, partnerships and opportunities need to be revisited with new and old residents made aware.
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 53-54 RV and campground allow trees priority in layout and design, to absorb weather, provide canopy and shelter, shade, and character - and model these after popular camping in Alaska near and far from here, i.e. Portage, Caribou Creek in Denali, Crow Creek Mine. Platform tent where necessary. Year - Round Campground. Reference of Xfer of Parcel 6-134 to Girdwood Parks and Recreation. State more clearly that HLB is the next step to make this transfer complete.
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 55 All accommodations to move/relocate campground, parking, fenced dog park creation, disc golf move with guidance of course design and collaboration, rational and real progress.
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 57 Include statement that this parcel be transferred from HLB to be maintained and managed by Girdwood Parks and Recreation when stating 'explore possibilities with HLB'
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 58 Where is Bike park shaded? Correct color? Does not match legend. Great to see parkland goal marked on map!
Briana Sullivan	email	pg. 59 The 1985 planning for neighborhood parks wouldn't hurt Girdwood, infact it would have helped past, current, and future youth and visitors to the Valley. Thank you for pointing to this opportunity - an amendment to AMC Title 21 Land Use Planning to be discussed with Girdwood Community and Municipal Staff to determine if codified within Girdwood's subdivision regulations. Why not? The funding may be provided with residential development fees.
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 60 Holtan Hills misspelled. Great to signal the need for a pocket park in Alyeska Basin - the new preschool would not fill this need, or duplicate, because access is not granted or available to all.
Briana Sullivan	email	pg 61 Employees need a place to have a bonfire, gather, outdoor fitness or game/court space

Briana Sullivan	email	<p>pg 63 Whatever is more feasible, achievable, faster. IGP or acquire land from BLM through the State of Alaska. Girdwood needs to start working toward this now. HLB overseeing this land is too much process. Volunteers aren't able to continue this years-long push to get something to succeed. It's discouraging and unfair, when Anchorage can design and build trails in a bikepark and those with means can just drive to Anchorage for that. That's unsustainable.</p> <p>Agree with streamlined recreation development by Parks & Rec</p> <p>Thank you for delineating the HLB Parcels recommended for transfer into Municipal Park Land.</p>
Briana Sullivan	email	<p>pg 64 Statement bullet point 'working with MOA Planning Dept to determine Area Master Plan and Development Master Plan requirements' Curious if this is where we can require and suggest more staff to oversee and maintain Girdwood Parks & Rec as needed. Previously stated where funding for implementation is - visitor tax and ballot measures. We need to start somewhere.</p>
Briana Sullivan	email	<p>pg 64 Implementation Actions are succinct and helpful. They need to be executed by development in Crow Creek area and community boards, etc. need to refer back to this plan to ensure these take place. Is this left in the purview of Parks & Recreation?</p>
Briana Sullivan	email	<p>pg 67 I see mention of staff levels. Thank you.</p> <p>Implementation with GBOS budget, correct process.</p>
Briana Sullivan	email	<p>pg 73 Dark sky principles great and could be applied or asterisk where lighting is on maps. Great to have this in the plan! Anchorage /SWS would like to begin aluminum can collection in Girdwood, which is a start. Recycling can happen. Reference to waste management and recycling is essential for any Parks Plan. Perhaps mentioning which agency to work with would be prudent, which is currently SWS.</p>
Thea Ritter	survey	<p>Support pickleball court option. Why? Girdwood has a very active pickleball scene. It is the MOST popular sport at Four valleys. In the non-snow months, players have to play on the basketball courts at the school, which are hazardous because they have gravel on them. Also, players cannot play pickleball while school is in session.</p>
Thea Ritter	survey	<p>swimming pool: Currently, the only swimming pool option in Girdwood is to buy a \$200/month pool and gym pass at Alyeska, which is only available to the 100 households who sign up in time (they sell out within a few days) and who can afford them. A community pool would be a great addition to Girdwood.</p>
Thea Ritter	survey	<p>Ice Rink NO. Why? The hotel has a pond in front of it that is available for ice skating and it is rarely used. If we build an ice rink, it will be taken over by Anchorage people trying to get ice time. There are enough winter activities here for people in Girdwood without an ice skating rink.</p>
Thea Ritter	survey	<p>Dog waste: Add a trash can below the chapel.</p>
Thea Ritter	survey	<p>The resort needs more parking. Parking on side streets that are residential is a hazard and there is no enforcement. Firetrucks cannot get back when people park on side roads near resort.</p>
Thea Ritter	survey	<p>Playground: Add stairs below the wooden platform that is on the side of the playground where the skateboard park is. There is a 2.5' drop off that is dangerous for little kids.</p>
Thea Ritter	survey	<p>Volleyball: I don't support adding of moving volleyball. This is not a popular sport in Girdwood.</p>
Thea Ritter	survey	<p>Upper Moose meadows 5K parking lot: Add a sign that tells people how to get back to the resort. In the summer, people often get lost off Winner Creek and end up on the 5k and then don't know where they are.</p>
Thea Ritter	survey	<p>Upper moose meadows: Yes, preserve this land for recreational use.</p>
Thea Ritter	survey	<p>Yearround campsite: Who would regulate the maximum stay limit? This could turn into a permanent camp like the parking lot by the laundromat did last year.</p>
Thea Ritter	survey	<p>Dog Park: Girdwood does not need this. There are plenty of places dogs can go.</p>
Thea Ritter	survey	<p>Speed humps: Consider adding speed humps if there will be a concept of a parks divided by Egloff... or at least paint a crosswalk. Kids will be crossing the street here more if there are fun activities on either side of Egloff.</p>
Kelly Rinck	survey	<p>I support Gacier Creek Park and water feature. This is what Alaska is missing! There have been many towns in the lower 48 Who have put water features in the rivers that flow through town, to a great benefit of the community and the businesses. It creates a thriving park scene where people enjoy, not only playing in the water, but watching those who play in the water! Perfect for Girdwood.</p>

Paul Forward	survey	I have lived in Girdwood full-time for 15 years and am now raising two children here. I feel strongly that the thing that Girdwood needs most is outdoor recreation that is developed with consideration for our weather and changing climate. There is mention of a whitewater park in the plan and I think that developing a river park with features that can be used by surfers, kayakers, packrafters, and rafters for fun and training should be the absolutely highest priority for development in our community. This will add both recreation that can be enjoyed during shoulder seasons and during our frequently rainy weather but will also be an attraction for users from all over the state in addition to being a popular spot for spectating. Whitewater parks exist in mountain towns all over the US, Canada, and Europe and are universally loved. It can also be engineered in way to benefit fish habitat and abate flood damage to surrounding infrastructure.
Ben Garnett	survey	<p>A whitewater park would be an incredible asset to this mountain sports community. Surfers, kayakers first responders and water safety instructors would all benefit from this kind of resource. Water safety in AK and the financial boost to Girdwood's economy would pay for itself. No brainer. Many river communities have pulled it off without any serious environmental impact.</p> <p>Whitewater parks provide significant financial benefits by driving tourism, generating local tax revenue, and stimulating businesses like lodging, dining, and retail. These amenities create jobs, increase property values, and can turn underutilized riverfronts into, economic drivers, with annual economic impacts ranging from \$500,000 for smaller projects to over \$19 million for more extensive major projects.</p>
Patrick Higgins	survey	Build a whitewater park please!
Sean Fallon	survey	More than anything else I'd like a river park/ surf wave!
Sean Fallon	survey	I would love an asphalt pump track!
Spencer Willard	survey	I do not believe an RV Park should be a priority nor listed as a part of the final version of the Girdwood Parks Master Plan, especially without any existing waste infrastructure. It's not Girdwood P&R's place to solve workforce housing or prioritize visitors over residents. Let's first focus on upgrading or adding amenities for home & business owners that pay property taxes.
Spencer Willard	survey	Also, I am doubtful that the Girdwood YMCA will come to fruition. Contact Nate Root yourself. Evidently the original plans were scratched and they are back to the drawing board. Please do not publish the master plan assuming this project will happen.
Spencer Willard	survey	Ending on positives: I love the idea of adding permanent public restrooms, a dog park, a sled hill, and a pump track.
Spencer Willard	survey	Residents of the Mine Roads need an actual park too! We need more P&R representation.
		The Mine Roads neighborhood needs an official park green space or a few pocket parks with P&R amenities.
		The underutilized DOT storage lot on Jewel Mine Road would be an excellent location. It has great sun exposure, features views of the Arm, and is easily accessible.
		A creative land swap deal could be a win-win for both sides. Please propose a deal
Thomas Tyler Dyer	survey	I strongly support the addition of a whitewater park at Glacier creek near the Alyeska Highway/Hightower intersection near the new town site. The benefits to having a white-water park feature extend beyond whitewater and surfing enthusiasts for Swiftwater learning and training opportunities for first responders. Whitewater parks have been successful in National Forests and Fish Bearing Streams, and environmental impacts are minimal. I do agree that sedimentation is a concern for a feature to be installed, and a comprehensive hydraulic study should be considered to investigate and identify long term maintenance costs. The engineering of these types of manmade river features have significantly improved over the last decade, with sufficient case studies, and success stories to mitigate concerns. Two features would be my recommendation; Green wave for Stand up surf boards, and a breaking hydraulic for white water kayaks and inflatable kayaks. Thank you for your time to review my comments!
Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian	survey	I support keeping the tennis courts as they currently are and not painting pickleball lines on them. (Many others have expressed this view in recent times as well.). It is good that the plan keeps things this way.
Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian	survey	we need to do what can be done to grow more trees in the Forest Fair park area, as it feels as though it is slowly being de-forested over time.

Patty Faulkner Hamre	survey	The Parks Advisory Master Plan Future Parkland Goals: the area in the brown dotted line, west of the 5K loop, is a sacred jewel to local residents and visitors, and should be permanently preserved as hiking and Nordic Skiing trails with year round multi-use access. The east rim of Glacier Creek from Four Corners south to the north end of the Girdwood Airport is the Historic Stumpy Summer Trail/Rim Trail, and should be purchased or negotiated for permanent easement as a connector from Girdwood to the Long Trail. The surrounding wetland meadows also are unique and gorgeous, and should be attained into permanent parklands, for views, hiking and skiing access, as outlined in the Girdwood Trails Plan document.. This Master Plan really needs to integrate the various property owners- HLB, with State and Feds, and is a good beginning, but more work needs to be done. We can advocate strongly with a cohesive voice for permanent multiuser access. Girdwood needs an artery north-south to the head of the valley to Turnagain Arm- a class III Trail perhaps.
Patty Faulkner Hamre	survey	Have u considered heated walkways, subsurface, like in Norway? Also, a permanent Forest Service style pit Restroom, somewhere in Town Square? There is no public restroom in this area, and your plan specifies across Alyeska Highway, close to Fire-Ambulance egress. Town Square needs a potty too. The ideas of a stage and additional electrical outlets is needed for all gatherings throughout the year. Big idea: purchase (anonymous donor) the lot between Chair 5 and Girdwood Clinic) as an Annex to Town Square- as a permanent Holiday Tree location, fire pits and picnic tables and benches summer and winter.
Patty Faulkner Hamre	survey	Viewing Stations ought to be covered, with slope angles reaching high and northern, so that visitors, strollers and elders may be out of the rainy weather. Look at Cordova wetlands Aliganey slough and birder ponds for good ideas of safe travel and minimal impact of wetlands. Can be tucked close in to southern edge of Moose Meadow, so that views are not impeded. The Parking lot improvements may encourage travelers to park and walk a good alternative to Alyeska Parking.
Patty Faulkner Hamre	survey	Also, a Forest Service style pit toilet needs to be installed in Moose Meadow location, close to the improved soccer fields"- very important for soccer players, kids and skiers/hikers. There is no public toilet upper valley at all, in this Master Plan. Please consider.
Patty Faulkner Hamre	survey	Design and Location of Girdwood Park & Lions Toilet facility: It is very important to keep Toilets away from Fire/Ambulance Emergency Egress. Please consider putting several Forest Service type pit stalls near the kids playground, so that it will be safer for children and Forest Fair attendees. Or.... Consider the design of the Homer Harbor or Seward harbor with ten+ stalls and running water, in this location. Maybe Forest Fair could donate towards this? Also, State funding due to high demand summer useage. The First Responders could also help with video cameras & response, to keep a watchful eye for misuse in times of extreme traffic.
Patty Faulkner Hamre	survey	Girdwood needs focused advocacy for additional MOA staffing. We also need \$\$\$ for acquiring permanent Trails easements and Parklands for Hiking, Biking, Nordic Skiing and Walking Girdwood Valley, from A-1 Glacier to Turnagain Arm. The locals have all volunteered their hearts out throughout time eternal. Maybe Girdwood needs a full time paid lobbyist(?) to lobby the MOA, State & Feds to negotiate \$\$\$ to purchase HLB Lands, Parks easements, Trails and Public lands. We also need \$\$\$ to open up land for locals housing, local business development, industrial park, and sewer & water infrastructure. Girdwood's bed tax ought to be appropriated back to Girdwood for infrastructure that benefits these projects. I know it's complicated and necessary to forge ahead with positive vision.
Kristi Lauwers	survey	I think the best utilization of space would be to combine the pickleball courts with a hockey rink. This is also because the outer boards of the rink provides a natural back stop for the balls and is naturally an excellent enclosure/surface to play. There are many examples in anchorage of these rink/pickleball court hybrids. This also provides good year round utilization of the space and leaves another open spot for future park plans if we combine the two. Also, while any amount of courts would be a very appreciated resource to fulfill the current requirements of our twice weekly Girdwood pickleball club nights a minimum of 3 courts with the preference of 4 would accommodate our regular attendance. A traditional outdoor rink can hold up to 6 pickleball courts. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Rich DiJulia	survey	I appreciate all the thoughtful planning that went into this document and the hard work from the people that made it possible. I believe all of these development and improvement projects will enhance the town and benefit Girdwood residents and visitors alike for generations. I am especially grateful this plan includes a dedicated space for designing a new disc golf course should the existing one be repurposed for a dog and RV park. There is a dedicated group of local disc golf enthusiasts who play roughly 300 days per year. The disc golf course currently hosts 4 days of tournaments per year attracting hundreds of disc golfers from around the state who in turn, support local businesses. Similarly, the course attracts many tourists throughout the year who would otherwise likely not visit Girdwood. Disc golf is growing at an incredible rate world wide, can be enjoyed by a wide variety of ages and abilities, is a very affordable sport to participate in, and once a course is established, requires little maintenance or additional expenses. Thank you for the commitment to keeping disc golf in Girdwood.
Jake Satathite	survey	Hello, I would like to advocate the importance of maintaining the existence of disc golf in Girdwood. I see there is potential plans to extend the course, if existing portions are utilized for new and different use. I think any growth to the park is growth for Girdwood but I hope the plans to keep disc golf in the community is held at a high regard. Disc golf is a wonderful sport that is accessible to just about everyone and is continuously growing every year, bringing more and more people into our town to enjoy our many facilities. I would also advocate reaching out to some of our core players here in Girdwood, to help with any design changes. Course layout for a huge part of why a course would continue to stay popular and enjoyable to play. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.
Ben Cosper	survey	Huge thank you to all the amazing community members who are always looking for ways to improve our public spaces and keep Girdwood an active and accessible place. I am happy to see inclusion of a disc golf course as a priority in new plans. The current course is terrific and sees a lot of use all year long. This is a fast-growing sport and is attracting more people every year. It is very accessible for all ages and fitness levels and is an affordable sport for beginners.
Michael Edgington	survey	The Executive summary describes a 10 year framework, but both the Introduction and Recommendations section describe a 15 year framework. Update the Executive Summary to be consistent with 15 years
Michael Edgington	survey	Strong support for new stage area and electrical supply. A climbing wall area would also be very welcome.
Michael Edgington	survey	I expected the plan to address the land ownership issue, with about a third of the Moose Meadow wetland being owned by AK DOT as airport land that will never be used for aviation. Any future opportunities like a land swap should be explored to get it under Girdwood or even MOA control.
Michael Edgington	survey	There should be explicit mention of transfer of the parcels in the 5k area from HLB to Girdwood Parks & Rec since all plans call for that land to be used for public recreation not land banked for other uses. As noted in the narrative, HLB is the wrong agency to hold land intended for purely recreation use.
Michael Edgington	survey	Strong support for transfer of 5k area and upper meadows away from HLB and into Girdwood Parks & Rec.
Michael Edgington	survey	Thank you for acknowledging the long history of volunteerism in developing and maintaining parks & recs facilities in Girdwood. Long may it continue!